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Set forth lately at Stutgart.

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First in German, and now in English

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TO THE MOST HIGH AND MOST EXCELLENT PRINCESSE, adorned vvith Pietie, Beautie and all Vertues,

ELISABETH,

ONELY DAVGHTER TO HIS MOST EXCELLENT Majestie of Great-Britaine; and Wife to the most high, mightie and excellent Prince Frederic, Prince Palatine of the Rhine, Elector, Duke of Baveere, Knight of the most noble and auncient order of the Garter.

MOST GRACIOVS PRINCESSE,

I here most humbly present vnto your Highnesse view a description of the triumphant shews lately past at Stutgart. Your blessed presence was the chiefe cause of the shews: and your most-ho-

noured name can bee the onely protection of this relation; which I could wish performed in better tearmes, as knowing more rudeneſſe in it, then it is fit to trouble your heavenlie eyes withall. But my wish beeing as vaine, as (I muſt acknowledge) my skill is meane in this skilfull English tongue, I ſubmisly beſeech your Highneſſe, to vouchſafe a benigne acceptance to the devout deſires of

YOUR EXCELLENT HIGHNESSE

moſt humbly
obedient ſervant

From Stutgart, the day of Iohn Baptiſt. 1616.

G. Rodolfe Weckherlin.

TO HER MOST-EX-cellent Highneſſe.

FAire Princeſſe, glorie of this ſeaſon,
The truth of your praiſe (vertues price)
Doth ſo farre paſſe all humane reaſon,
That he, vvhoſe hand vvould enterpriſe
T'augment your fame by his deſerving quill,
Muſt either have much rashneſſe or much skill.

Rash hee muſt bee, thus to purchaſe,
By his ignorance, shame and ſcorne:
Or skilfull, his vvorke by your grace,
And precious ornaments t'adorne:
Sith ſole Apelles or Praxiteles
Can the leaſt parts of this Goddeſſe expreſſe.

But yet my humble tongue dare ſing
With devout voyce (hovvſoever vveake)
Of you, great Goddeſſe, vertues ſpring,
E'vn as men vſe of Gods to ſpeake. (praiſe:
For humble hearts by fevv vvords may give
But daintie ſpeech can Gods not higher raiſe.

Hee is ſenſeleſſe, that vievvs your ſight,
And (ravish'd) doth not bleſſe his chaunce:
But hee muſt bee a godlie vvight (glaunce.
That vvould praiſe vvell your Vertues
For as your name doth fill the eares vvith plea-
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So your faire eyes fill ſoul's vvith Vertues trea-

Without you, Beautie is not faire;
Without you, Grace is without grace:
Love, Honour, and Majestie rare
Doe delight in your godlie face:
And as your soule is Vertues pleasant bowver,
So is allone your bodie Beauties flowver.

Thus, though you were blissefully borne
Of Gods of doubly-royall blood,
Yet heavens bountie did adorne
Your mind with their farre dearer good;
So that to bee a great Princesse by birth
Is the least praise you doe deserve on earth.

O then, Germanie, doe rejoyce,
And acknowledging her desart,
Doe sing her praise with cheerefull voyce,
And sacrifice to her thy hart.
Our successeleesse successours may bewaile
Their too late life, when there such blisse shall faile.

And you, Goddesse, doe not refuse
This hymne, though farre too scant of art:
But, mild, doe you (our English Muse)
Such skill to Germanie impart,
That Germanie may England like bee found,
And with one hart and tongue your praise resound.

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TO THE READER.

GEntle reader, Behold here a ſmall booke written in English by a German, and printed in Germanie. Therefore if thou art too daintie a reader, I doe intreat thee, to ſeeke ſomewhere els fit food, to bee pleaſed withall, as, I know, there is greater ſtore of in England, then in any other countrie. As for me, beeing fully acquainted with mine incapacitie, I willingly would crave pardon for this rude relation, if I did ſet it forth by boldneſſe. But to obey the commandement of my Soveraigne (his Highneſſe of Wirtemberg) I was glad to

learned within three yeares, I lived in England. Therefore I pray thee, to take it in good part, and so, as I doe meane it, though I doe not say, well: and kindly to reforme by thy judicious reading the faults either of the erring author, or of the vnwitting Printer, who, good man, never in his life saw, nor perhaps will see more English together. Thus I shall indevor the more, to honour in Germa the gallant English Natio whereof (verely) I make more a count, then I can vtter (thoug with truth) without getting the name of a flatterer. Farewell.

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the happie birth of a yong Prince, did vvithall affoord vnto him a fit occaſion to expoſe to the vievv of all the vvorld the treaſure of his princely mind: vvhich even as it deſired nothing more fervently, then to give ſome plaine tokens of the true benevolence, hee beareth vnto all Princes, but eſpecially to honour at his court the matchleſſe Ladie Electrice, Princeſſe of Great-Brittaine, vvho by her moſt longed-for preſence, had not, at that time, graced this place: ſo did it embrace vvith gladneſſe this commoditie. Thus her Highneſſe, beſides th'Elector Prince Palatine, and manie other German Princes vvere intreated t'aſſiſt the princely Chriſtening, appointed vpon the tenth day of Mars laſt paſt.

The next day before (beeing the ninth) the heaven ſeeming to contribute to the common joy at ſuch a magnificent and ſolemne congregation, there vvere gathered ſome ſeven or eight companies of vvell apparelled ſouldiers vvithin Stutgart, the chiefteovvne of the Dukedome of Wirtemberg, and they vvere ranged on both ſides of the great ſtreet's, to the end the entrie of ſtraunger Princes could bee the better ſeene, and performed vvithout any diſorder.

Th'afternoone, my Prince and his brother Levvis-frederic, accompanied vvith a great number of Lords and Knights (mounting

ting to three hundred horſes) vvith the ſound of many trumpetters ād tabors on horſebacke (as the cuſtome is to doe in this countrie) vvent out of the tovvne, to meet the Prince Electour and his Ladie; the Counte Palatine Iohn-Auguſte Duc of Baviere; Prince Chriſtian of Anhalt and his ſonne, vvhich all together vvith their traine had about five hundred horſes, ſo that their entrie (my Prince beeing joyned vvith them) vvas at leaſt of eight hundred horſes.

Th'other my Princes his brother, Frederic-Achilles vvent an other vvay, vvith his gentlemen and trumpetters to meet the Marquis of Brandemburg Ioachim-Erneſt, and his brother Iohn-George, their vvhole companie mounting to ſome tvvo hundred horſes. And Magnus, the yongeſt brother of my Prince vvent vvith his companie to meet the Marquis of Baden George-Frederic, vvho brought vvith him his Ladie the Marqueſſe, his yong daughter, and his three ſonnes, and a brave nobilitie, ſo that all his entrie did conſiſt of more then of foure hundred horſes.

All thoſe Princes, vvaited on by manie gallant Earles, Lords, knights and gentlemen did arrive by times, in moſt rich apparell and faire order at Stutgart in the court, vvhere they vvere hartily received and vvelcomed by my moſt gracious Princeſſe; by the Ladie

Vrſule Widovv of Wirtemberg; and by the three Ladie Siſters of my Soveraigne, vvhich vvith their other Ladies and gentlevvomen in great number filling all the ſpacious court, did content all eyes that looked on them: and then they vvere led into chambers and lodgings very richly furniſhed, as it vvas fit for them.

THE SECOND CHAPTER.

Of the princely Chriſtening, and of the feaſt.

THe morning of the tenth day ariſing, did ſeeme as if Phœbus (moved by jealouſie and anger, the brightnes of thoſe Goddeſſes and Nymph's should ſo farre paſſe his pale light) vvould cover his light vvith clovvdes, and the earth vvith teares. But the skie, expecting no leſſe pleaſure then ſplẽdor of this Chriſtian aſſemblie, grevv ſoone cleare and pure againe, and then the Sunne too perceiving none vvould bee ſorie for he

ſorrovv, muſt needs content herſelfe at the ſight of thoſe brighter ſunnes. And verely it vvould bee eaſier to deſcribe the heaven, and to number the ſtarres, then to ſhevv in fit vvords the ſumptuouſneſſe of this day. My ſoule vvas amazed vvith marvell: mine eyes did dazle: and all my ſenſes vvere overvvhelmed by the majeſtie, beautie, richeſſe, and magnificence of thoſe brave Princeſſes, Princes, Ladies, Lords and Knights.

Therefore (and obedient to the commandement I have received) I leave all prolixitie, and doe intend onely (ſeconding the deſire and curiouſneſſe of the ſpeedie reader) to tell the principall exerciſes of chivalrie, that vvere ſeene, and to give to this declaration no other ground but truth, nor other elegancie, but ſimplicitie. Yet, that this day may have his right too, you muſt knovv, the Caſtle reſounding of trumpets about nine a cloke in the forenoone, the Princes, Ladies, Lords, and Knights, to heare the vvord of God vvent in good order to the chappell, vvhich vvas hanged vvith rich tapiſtrie, and filled vvith a good muſic. Levvis-frederic Duke of Wirtemberg had then the honour to lead Myladie Eliſabeths her higneſſe. Ladie Anne, the yonger ſiſter of my Prince, conducted by her tvvo brethren Frederic-Achilles and Magnus, the ſermon beeing allmoſt done, brought the little

Prince, that soone after vvas christened, and called Frederic by both his and her highnes the Electors; by Marquis of Brandemburg Ioachim-Ernest; by Ladie Vrsule, VVidovv of Wirtemberg, in stead of Ladie Eue-Christine Ducheſſe of Wirtemberg, and vvife to the Marquis Iohn-George of Brandemburg; and by George-Frederic Marquis of Baden, that all vvere godfathers and godmothers.

The sermon beeing done, all the Princes and Princesses, vvaiting on Myladie Elisabeth brought her againe unto her chamber, vvhere many princely gifts vvere bestovved upon the child. After this they vvent to dinner, vvhich indeed vvas a most royall feast, vvhere vvere seene tvvo and tvventie princely vvights sitting at one table: namely at the higher end Myladie Elisabeths her highnesse allone: on the side at her right hand vvas th'Elector: at his right hand the Marquis of Brandemburg Ioachim-Ernest: and then vvas a roome for the gentleman caruer: After on this same side sate Palatine Iohn-Augustе: neare him George-Frideric Marquis of Baden: and then Prince Christian of Anhalt; and after him my Soueraigne: and novv there vvas againe a place for th'other caruer: furthers on this side vvas Christofle Marquis of Baden: at his right hand Christian the yonger Prince of Anhalt. Novv at the Princesses her left hand, on that side

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ſate the vvidovv of Wirtemberg: hard by her the Marqueſſe of Baden: neare her my ſoveraine Princeſſe: and thē the yong Ladie Anne-Auguſte Marqueſſe of Baden: after her my ſoverains his three ſiſters, Ladie Agnes: Ladie Barbare: Ladie Anne: by her vvas the Marquis of Brandemburg Iohn-George: and furthers Frederic Marquis of Baden: neare him his brother Charles: and then Prince Levvis-Frederic Duke of Wirtemberg: and laſtly at the lovver end of the table both his brethren Frederic-Achilles and Magnus together,

The commended ſhortnes (I muſt obſerve) vvill not giue me leaue to deſcribe heere th'other tables of the Earles and Lords.

None may doubte of the plentie of coſtlie meate, and any kind of daintineſſe, and rich ſhevv's of fountaines, images, beaſts, and other prettineſſe ſet upō the boord, dreſſed moſt artificially, no leſſe as of ſvveet muſicke. For there vvere heard three ſeverall companies th'one after th'other, ſo that vvhen the firſt (that did ſound, after the Italian fashion, inſtrumēts and voyces together) did finish, the ſecond (playing according to the English manner vvith cornets and ſack-botts) did beginne: and againe the end of this vvas the beginning of the third muſicke, that vvas performed vvith a ſet of violins after the French aire.

The reſt of this day, and likevviſe the ſupper vvas ſpent in all kindneſſe and cheerefulneſſe.

THE THIRD CHAPTER.

Of the maske.

THE ſupper beeing done, all Princes, Princeſſes, and the gentrie vvent from the caſtle into the palace in the garden, vvhere a great roome is in, that for beauties and largeneſſe ſake ſcarce can bee compared. As ſoone as they vvere entred, a muſicke of many inſtruments entertained the time till euery one vvas placed, and then foure trompetters did appeare, in the ſhape of auncient Romans very brauely apparelled all in vvhite ſatin, couered vvith gold and ſilver, their helmets garniſhed vvith great bunches of red, yellovv, blevv, and vvhite feathers. An other like dreſſed Roman followed, vvho did proclaime the ordinance, that (after the cuſtome of German chevalrie) ſhould next day bee kept at the running to the ring, and publiſh a challenge of King Priamus, that did defie all other knights, and vvould bee defendant againſt all aduenturers.

This beeing denounced, and euery one falling againe to feede his eyes of that, hee did

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like beſt; the eares vvere preſently filled vvith as pleaſaunt as ſtrange a ſound of muſicke, vvhere all eyes vvere againe vvithdravven by, to the place that reſounded of. There they ſavv come in foure hudge great, but alſo vvell formed heads, going the one after th'other, and vvas each of them ſo bigg, that ſix men could bee therein at their eaſe, and vvalke vvithall.

The firſt head vvas (as it vvere) a lodging of three Weſterne nations: the ſecond of three Northerlie: the third of three Eaſterlie: and the laſt (and t'vvas a blacke moore) of three Southerlie nations. Thoſe foure heads after they had done three turnes about, ſtayed themſelu's right ouer againſt the Princes, and there hauing made a lovv curteſie (inclining their monſtrous noſes to the ground) their conſort of muſicke, that vvas vvithin, ceaſed: and there came out of the firſt head, but one player on the lute allone, in a red ſuit, allmoſt like an English ſhipman. To the ſound of his lute came forth after him a gentleman, that did repreſent th'English nation. His hat vvas vvhite embrodered vvith ſiluer, vvith a vvhite feather, beeing the faſhion of his habit, that vvas of vvhite ſiluer cloth, as English Lords vvere vvoonted to uſe ſome tvventie yeares agone. He daunced a galliard after th'English manner: and as ſoone he vvas neare the

Princes, a vvild Scottishman daunced out from that same head, at the sound of a drumme, an other Scottishman played on. Novv the Englishman seeing him come against him, began to daunce likevvise after his fashion, and vvas the one on this, and th'other on that side, vvhen they did see come out of that same head an Irish harper, to vvhose play follovved an other Irishman, that by his daunting caused the tvvo first to imitate his sport too.

The second head (a dvvelling place of three Northerlie nations) gave issue to a Frenchman, apparelled in carnation satin, and daucing a currantoe, that an other French fidler, comming out vvith him, did play. After him hopped forth a High-Dutchman in a red dutch garment vvith puffes, his player vvas a fluter in like an apparelle. The third, that came forth of the second head vvas a Laponian, covered vvith the skinne of a beare, and trampling about at the sound, such an other fellovv of Lappie did tune vvith a sackbotte.

The third head vvas bigg of a Spaniard, vvho came forth strouting and roaming most bravely, attired in a habit of purple layd vvith gold laces: his head and hands vvere richly set in great ruffes. An other Spaniolized fellovv played his measures on a Bandora. The

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Italian did followv, vvith his govvne, even as a signor Pantalone is commonly to bee seene at Venice: and an other played him vvith a guitterne a daunce, hee did performe vvith prettie trick's, vvhen out of that same head appeared the Polonian in a garment of blevv satin, of his countrie shape, vvith his bag-piper, and caused all the foresayd nations to imitate his kind of dauncing.

A blacke a moore came out of the fourth head, richly adorned vvith jevvels about his armes, and an other one of that countrie played on a little tabor full of bells a measure after their custome. Then followved a Turkish piper, and an other Turke jumping to his play, brabled vvith his vnsheathed scimitar. Lastly came forth an Indian, or Americaine all bare and painted over his bodie, having onely a faire cloke of coloured feathers, and upon his head likevvise a hat made of feathers. An other American made him moove to the straunge noise, hee made vvith a very big horne.

The eleven nations, that vvere come in before him, did presently counterfeit his demeanors and countenances, vvhere hee proved by, to marvell much at their diversitie: and then the vvhole consort of their tvvelve musitians, vvith their

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seuerall nature of instruments began to play a newv daunce, vvhich vvas liuely and straungely performed by the maskers. And there shall bee knovvne, that still one nation did imitate th'other, so that hee, that vvas the Englishman, beeing the first, did counterfeit the eleuen nations, that came after him: hee that playd the Scottishman, tenne: the Irishman nine: the Frenchman eight, and so forth. And this vvas as an entrie to th'other dauncing, vvhich euen those tvvelue nations (as euery one is accustomed to behold herself in th'other) beeing transformed in looking-glasse-makers haue executed in manner as folovveth.

The foure great heads vvith their tvvelue nations vvere vanished, vvhen a little house, like to a shop, covered vvith candles and looking-glasses came in, resounding of an exellent musicke vvith lutes and some voyces, vvhich made the beholders vnderstand this song.

Song.

Ladies, vvhy doe you spend your leasure,
To behold in a glasse your grace,
Sith Phœbus self tak's all his pleasure
To behold his face in your face?

And

And ſith your glitt'ring ſight ſurpaſſes
The brightnes of all looking-glaſſes?

Yee, the very mirrors of bewtie,
And of true honour, with great skill
Doe teach gods and men, how their dewty
Shall goe before their luſtfull-will. (tie
Shewing but your ſight, that ſurpaſſes
The luſter of all looking-glaſſes.

Therefore the gods, to bee partakers
Of your ſweet looks full daintie glaunce,
Come to you like looking-glaſſe-makers,
Beholding in you their bright daunce,
And your ſight, that all lights ſurpaſſes
Is the glaſſe of their looking-glaſſes.

Out from the ſhop, ſtaying before the Princeſſes, came a woman, as miſtreſſe of the marchandiſe, attired in a white ſatin gowne embrodered with gold, with curled haires ſpangled with gold and ſmall looking-glaſſes. This woman delivered to the Electrices her highneſſe, to th'Elector, and all other Princes, Ladies and Lords this ſonnet, written in Engliſh, German, and French:

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THE LOOKING-GLASSE-MAKERS TO THE LADIES.

Vnto you daintie Nymph's, that by the dazling light
Of your ſweet shining eyes doe all treaſur's diſplay:
That by wonderfull look's of a celeſtiall might
Can gods and men at once both reioyce and diſmay:

Vnto you, by whoſe beam's this night is like the day,
Wee doe offer our ware, that shewes you your faire ſight,
Eu'n as your brighter eyes, true mirrors of delight,
Doe teach vs vertues all but with one gentle ray.

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Therefore Ladies most faire (vveepray) doe
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T'adorne our vvare and vs, vvith your
heavenly glaunce,
Glaunce, that could the vvhole vvorld
vvithout the sunne maintaine.

But if your look's should spoile our libertie
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Then kind doe graunt thus much, that
after this our daunce
VVee may all vvithout shop at your ser-
vice remaine.

After this the shop passing againe to the lovver end of the roome, the violins (making a consort of tenne) beganne to play a nevv daunce, and then the Gods, vvho to honour this royall Elisabeth (that better deserveth to bee called the mirror of vvomen then that Elisabeth of Portingall) had disguised themselves in looking-glasse-makers, came forth from their shop. Those tvvelue (beeing three Princes, and other nine courtiers of my Prince) arrayed in blevv satin, and all covered vvith looking-glasses and gold, that the sight could not vvell behold them, excellently discharged their daunce, and figuring vvithall

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The knights doe intend to make famous so vvell by their gorgious ostentations, as by their grace and disposition. Novv they are all busie, preparing themselves to please vvith their braveries these all-pleasing beauties. By honour they are called: by glory

glory allured, and by valour they are conducted. Heaven it ſelf joyfull at this publicjoy vnvvrinckleth and purifieth his ſight, to behold the better theſe ceremonies. The people runneth from all ſides to the garden : there is a ſtraunge crovvd : the ſcaffolds are full : ſo are the trees : the tops and vvindovvs of all houſes and tovvr's thereabout are filled vvith ſpectatours. Ioy is every vvhere. Silence itſelfe arriveth there. leaſt [illegible] and diſorder

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After them came a blacke moore, that layed on the drummes on horſebacke, covered vvith like colours, and nine trumpetters, riding three together, they vvere alſo after the Roman faſhion dreſſed in vvhite and greene ſatin, vvith feathers of both thoſe colours.

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THE FOVRTH CHAPTER.

ENTRIE

OF (MY SOVERAIGNE)

THE HIGH AND MIGHTIE Prince Iohn-Frederic Duke of VVirtemberg and Tecke, Counte of Mompelgart, Lord of Haydenheim: VVho named himselfe King Priamus, and vvas sole defendant at the running to the ring.

THIS is the day, our vvorthies and knights doe intēd to make famous so vvell by their gorgious ostentations, as by their grace and disposition. Novv they are all busie, preparing themselves to please vvith their braveries these all-pleasing beauties. By honour they are called: by glory

glory allured, and by valour they are conducted. Heaven it ſelf joyfull at this public joy vnvvrinckleth and purifieth his ſight, to behold the better theſe ceremonies. The people runneth from all ſides to the garden: there is a ſtraunge crovvd: the ſcaffolds are full: ſo are the trees: the tops and vvindovvs of all houſes and tovvr's thereabout are filled vvith ſpectatours. Ioy is every vvhere. Silence itſelfe arriveth there, leaſt rumor and diſorder ſhould cauſe ſome hinderance: Love and devvtie doe gather all eyes at the ſcaffold, vvhere the royall Princeſſe hath her ſeat vvith other Princes and Ladies.

The beholders vvere all ready amazed, but a ſound of many trumpets recalled them, to turne their ſight to the opening of the liſts, vvhere they ſavv come in

Firſt ſix Troyan knights (that vvere as maſters over the field) attired after the auncient Roman faſhion, in blevv and yellovv ſatin, layd vvith ſilver laces, their head peeces gliſtering of gold and ſilver, and covered vvith great yellovv and vvhite feathers.

After them came a blacke moore, that played on the drummes on horſebacke, covered vvith like colours, and nine trumpetters, riding three together, they vvere alſo after the Roman faſhion dreſſed in vvhite and greene ſatin, vvith feathers of both thoſe colours.

Two Goddesses did follow riding together (that else very seldome can bee seene) namely VERTUE and FORTUNE. The apparell of that was rich, and her face like to the sunne: she had in her right hand a sword, and in her left hand a booke. Fortune was half bare, her rayment was rayed, of all colours, and flying about, her horse was like a watter full of all kind of cockles, shells and fishes.

Their two waiting women did ride after them, every one dressed in her mistresses colours and shape.

After them mooved a prettie hill, where-upon were seene manie beasts and birds aliue. And then came a sweet garden, where the nine Muses were in, playing every one on her instrument, wherewith they made a good consort of musicke.

Hector, the horrour of the Greeks was the next that appeared upō his proud steed, armed most gallantly: a red lyon was painted on his shield, hee did beare at his left arme: and his right hand did hold the sword, that so many times had shortned the hope of the Grecians by cutting the thread of their life. At his one side was Troilus, and on th'other Deiphobus both very bravely attired, and armed with shields and launces.

Three servants came after in white and greene apparell layd with silver.

And then did follow a pōpous triumphal

vvaggon, covered vvith a golden canopie, that vvas ſuſtained by foure rich pillers, very artificially cut, and vvell ſilvered over.

This chariot vvas round about decked vvith faire hangings, and adorned vvith ſvveet flovvrs, beeing the axletree, the vvheeles and all the outſide skillfully framed, and vvith ſiluer and blevv flourished.

Mercurius vvith vvinged head and heeles, & holding in his right hãd his povvrfull ſtaffe vvound vvith snakes, had the charge to guide the foure horſes, hee had borrovved (I doe thincke) of Apollo, to dravv this chariot: They vvent together, and vvere bravely trimmed, beeing all their furniture covered vvith ſmall golden ſtarres, and having upon their heads & cruppers great bunches of red, vvhite, and yellovv feathers. Some footmen did runne along dreſſed in like colours of old Roman fashion.

In the middeſt of this chariot did ſit the three (once very angry, but at that time vvell appeaſed) goddeſſes Venus, Pallas & Iuno. The firſt vvas knovvne by her grace and beautie, & by her vvantõ boy: the ſecond by her gliſtering head-peece and launce: the laſt by her proud peacocke, and by her ovvne prouder behaviour and oſtẽtatiõ: beeing each of thẽ arrayd in ſuch mãner, vvhereby their eſtate and glorie should neither bee abated, nor could bee miſtaken.

Behinde them upon a higher ſeat did appeare the Troyan Monarch, royally apparelled: he

bare in his hand a golden ſcepter, and upon his head a golden helmet, vvhere did vvaver upon a plume of manie faire colours.

Three Knights vvaiting on the three Goddeſſes came after the vvaggon, very gallantly clothed in the colours of their Ladies.

Then vvent allone the faire Paris. His hand vvas provided of his bovv, his ſide of a quiver full of arrovvs, his horſe vvith greene and vvhite furniture of ſatin, and vvith feathers of the ſame tvvo colours. His countenance shevved more mirth then repentance to haue made more account of ſvveet Love, then of troubleſome Knovvledge and of idle Richeſſe. Like vviſe the faire Helena, following after him in a rich attire of red and vvhite ſatin, did diſcover more loue then avarice.

The too-renovvmed Achilles, very brave, vvas alſo glad, forsaking all his friends, to bee vsher of the undefiled beautifull Polyxena, vvho did ride next after him, dreſſed in greene, vvhite and yellovv ſatin, her horſe beeing likevviſe adorned, and (as all other horſes vvere, that vvent before) milkevvhite.

Her brother Helenus, and her ſiſter Caſſandra vvent after her all in blacke, riding upon blacke horſes. The reaſon I doe not knovv: but, perhaps, that they vvere ſorie for the falſe report againſt them.

Moreouer there came ſix ſquires, bearing

laun-

launces and shields, all bravely attired in the foresayd colours, stuffes, and feathers.

And lastly six generous horses vvere led by the hand of so manie Troyan servants.

Novv to make this Monarchs his intent to bee knovvne, Ivvill set dovvne the letter of defiance, hee caused to bee published the night vvhen the maske vvas play'd, and that I doe english thus.

DEFIE.

PRIAMVS, THE

SONNE OF THE

GREAT LAOMEDON, KING OF

TROYE, LORD OF THE INVINCIBLE

Phrygians, a true paterne of vvorldlie altera-
tion, and the very roote of manie a realme and
raigne in Europa, sendeth greeting to all those
never-enough-praised and inviolable Ladies
and the vnvanquishable Knights as-
sembled at this court.

BECAVSE I thought it
to bee very needfull a
well for the honour and
reputation of mine owne, as of you
who doe boast to bee my successours,
to make the world know the
wrong, both I and you, wee doe re-
ceive by the fables inuēted and scat-
tere

tered by ſome vnvvorthie ſtorie-
vvriters, that doe perſuade the rea-
der, as if in time paſt, by mine
owne needleſſe inſtigation & heed-
leſſe preſumption I had no leſſe de-
ſerved as cauſed the vttermoſt de-
ſtruction and loſſe of my crowne, of
my vvife, children and vvhole ſub-
ſtance. Therefore I did wish long
agoe to get a fit occaſion, vvhere I
might prove by, hovv the over-
vveening Greeks (ſtirring indeed
vs, and vvee not them to vvar-
res) have beene by our Troyan
povverfull arm's (and not vvee by
their armies) overco me and vn-
done: & how that long time ſince,
after my death, the Troyã Realme
did attaine vnto the laſt defection,

vvhere all estates are subiected vn-
to, by the vnrecallable and inextri-
cable lavv of Destinie. None
(nay if even a Grecian himselfe
vvith a Greetish speech vvould
vndertake it) can truely contra-
dict it. For t'is most manifest, hovv
the gallant estate of Greece (hovv-
soever esteemed for vvisedome) is
thus vvholly vanished, that there
resteth nothing of. Contrarie-
vvise, I have yet reason (the gods
bee thancked for it) rather to re-
joyce then to griefe at my chaunce,
seeing the great number of blessings,
the heavens provvred out upon
my seed, vvhence are descended so
manie ever-florishing nations: as
the stout Britans, the valiant

Ger-

Germans, the couragious French-
men, the circumspect Sicilians, the
advised Venetians, and others.

But to the end that of all these
certainties no doubt may remaine
vvithin you, I, having forsaken
my long-enjoyed rest, am againe
returned (by the permission of the
Gods) into this vvorld, accompa-
nied of the three Goddesses, and of
my children and friends, beeing all
desirous & ready to doe you any
kindnesse and service, so that hence-
forth yee dare not bee afraid to haue
vvant neither of honour and ri-
ches, vvhich Juno and her seruants
Hector, Deiphobus and Troilus
vvill bestovv on you: nor of skill
and vertue, Pallas, and her follo-

vvers Helenus and Cassandra doe
depart: nor of beautie, love and joy,
Venus and her Knights Paris and
Achilles, & vvithall their beloued
Helena and Polyxena doe intẽd to
fauour you of. Moreouer t'increase
your pleasure, and to confirme my
vvords the more, I doe purpose, to
appeare to morrovv (the eleventh
day of Mars) about noone in the
tilt-garden, and there running
to the ring (an exercise first inven-
ted at Troye as the fondation of
chevalrie) to performe vvith any
knight, of vvhat a nation soever
hee bee, three careeres, for a price,
that bee vvorth neither lesse then
tenne, nor more then hundred
dollars (according to the aduentu-

rers

vers his owne choice and pleasure) maintaining & proving withall,

1. In the first carreere, that nothing happeneth to man, but what hee deserveth, and what once shall become to his behalfe.

2. In the second careere, None can have the title of worldlie perfection, without the begetting of a successour, of whom both his countrie and the gods may bee served and honoured.

3. And therefore (in the third careere) that womankind (framed of flesh, and not of filthy earth as men are) shall (next after the gods) before and above all living soules bee beloved and worshipped.

4. And

4. And lastly (joyntly in all three career's) that Ladies or knights doe never misse t'obtaine their desires, if they are directed to faithfulnesse and honestie, and after the measure of reason: But if they are doubledealers, and vvicked, they deserve the hatred and curse both of Gods and men.

THE FIFTH CHAPTER.

ENTRIE

OF THE MOST-HIGH, MIGHTIE AND EXCELLENT Prince Frederic, Prince palatine of the Rhine, Chief-Elector of the holy Roman Empire, Duke of Baviere, and Knight of the most auncient & noble order of the Garter,

under the name of Scipio of Africa.

THE Troyan King had scarce disposed his traine vvithin the rayles, vvhen a nevv sound of trumpets did denounce the arrivall of an adventurous companie. It vvas the noble young Scipio, vvho, though he vvould cover himselfe vvith the name and shape of that Scipio of Africa, may nevertheless most deservedly bee called the Ger-

German Scipio, sith the deeds of his vv
youth caused allready this vvide Univers
bee too narrovv for the renovvme of the vict
ries, the Destinies doe graunt and preser
onely to his courage and valor.

Novv did hee appeare in this order.

First came a blacke moore on horseback
playing on tabors, that vvere covered vvit
red satin, layd vvith silver. Hee vvas follovve
by six trumpetters, riding three together: thei
heads vvere adorned vvith greene garlãds, an
their bodies vvith Roman habits of red, an
vvith silver embrodered satin: their trumpet
vvere vvound and very long, as the Roman
vvere vvont to vse in time past.

And then came tvvo elephants, covered vvith
rich hangings of red satin vvith silver embro-
dered, each of them vvas governed by a moore,
that sate vpon.

A most statelie triumphall vvaggon, framed
after the auncient fashion, mooved after: the
vvheels, the axletree, the bulcke, & the vvhole
vvorke, bravely carved, vvere all guilded o-
ver, and laoden vvith a great number of pre-
cious pots, and manie kind of golden vessels,
and other costlie spoyle, and also vvas there to
bee seene the figure representing the cittie of
nevv Carthago, as it vvas vvhen it did prosper.

After this vvaggon came three Esquires bea-
ring trophies; and three more, having great

gilded

lged shields, all bravely clothed after the ancient Roman fashion, their garmẽts beeing made of red satin, and embrodered vvith silver; they did ride vpon faire horses, vvhich vvere likevvise finely trimmed, and adorned vvith great feathers of vvhite and red colours.

After them vvent six musitians playing vveetly on lutes and violins: they had vpon their heads faire garlands of baye, & the shape of their garments vvas Roman-like, the stuffe ed satin layd vvith silver.

Next after them did ride an old knight, and next him a ladie, both beeing arrayed in red and silver. They vvere (I doe thincke) the Celtiberian Princes his father and mother.

Then came an other triumphall chariot, very high, and most artificially framed, and excellently blossomed & adorned vvith tapistrie, silver and gold, and covered vvith a glistering canopie, vvhere Iustice had her seate vnder. This goddesse vvas gorgiously imbellished: neare her vvere tvvo angells that did vvaite on her: before her upon the vvaggon stood her arch-adversarie, called Iniurie, vvhose divellish face, and poysonous looks vvould have affrighted the beholders, if her imprisonment, and her fetters had not beene to them a vvarrant of securitie. The fire of hatred and malice, not as then quenched, vvas troublesome to none but to this monster it selfe.

The

The royall vvifes and children of Masdonius and Indibilis, covered vvith blacke garments, drevv and conducted this chariot.

After them followed three, I tooke them to bee Magon, Asdrubal Barchinus, and Asdrubal Guisgons his sonne, each of them beeing gallantly arrayed in red satin, imbroidered vvith silver; and vvell horsed, vvith like furniture.

Moreover there vvent both the happy and thankefull Prince Lucius, his loving beloved riding at his side, bravely attired in embroidered satin.

Then came tvvo squires, bearing faire shields, and beeing vvell furnished vvith both colours of red and silver, and like feathers.

Next after them vvent six Romane Knights, attending on the brave Scipio. They did carrie silver axes and rods, as it vvas the custome to bee carried before Romane Consuls.

Then did appeare the vvorthie great Conqueror. His armour vvas of red, and silver ennamell, enriched vvith precious stones, and formed at the Romane fashion. His side vvas provided of his dreadfull svvord in a richly glistering sheath: his head of a sumptuous helmet, overshadovved by a great vvavering bunch of red and vvhite feathers: his victorious hand of a scepter of gold, vvhere a golden Eagle did sit vpon. His horse (an excellent peece

of

of ſure ſervice, and likevviſe trimmed vvith a coſtlie ſaddle, and furniture of red and vvith ſilver and pearles embrodered) feeling the vvorthineſſe of his ſvveet renovvmed burthen, did (bragging, as it vvere, of it) as if it vvould, deſpiſing the ground, beare himſelfe vp by his ovvne courage, might and oſtentation in a higher element.

The valiant Lælius did ride at his right ſide: and the moſt martiall Martius at his left hand, both armed alike, in Romane armours of red and ſilver, vvith like furnitures and feathers of both colours vpon their horſes.

After them vvent their three ſquires, adorned and furnished vvith like colours, no leſſe ſumptuous as delightfull to the eye, their horſes beeing of a gray colour, as vvere all the foreſayd horſes of this entrie.

Laſtly vvere by eight Romanes, going a foote, led eight horſes, vvho by the luſtineſſe, and comelineſſe of their limmes, and by the treaſure of their furnitures did much increaſe the magnificence of this triumphall shevv.

The challenge of Scipio, or rather the declaration of this triumph, as it vvas delivered to the Ladies and Iudges in German and French, I doe english thus.

THE RETVRNE of P. SCIPIO OF AFRICA.

LVCEIVS

TO THE LORD IVDGES and spectatours.

BEeing the borders of my countrie not ample enough to comprehend the very royall vertues and the most deserved praises of Sci-

Scipio: I (who have received of him, what man can ever exspect from all the Gods, namely my love, dearer unto mee then my life) I am resolved, thanckfully to goe with him (returning from the brave conquest of new Carthago) and to publish through all this Univers, his worthie feates of armes and of mind. To the better performance whereof I could wish for no fitter occasion, but this most honourable assemblie, which this peerles Conqueror himselfe doeth intend to salute, and to honour by his triumphall entrie, illustrated by the same spoyles, hee had (once) gotten at the conquest

of the nevv cittie of Carthago, & sent by Lælius to Roome.

Novv therefore by the declaration of this shevv of his, I doe hope to make a small demonstration of his great glorie, which hee deserveth, not like a man-like knight, but rather as a god-like wight, who is able to conquer as well the soules as bodies of men: his grace and kindnesse beeing no lesse prompt to pardon, and desirous to releeve the thraldome, and to revvard the obedience of subiects, as his hand is ready and assured to subdue and to destroy the pride of those, that dare to vvithstand or despise his might.

Then first there doe come my fa-

father and mother (remembring th'especiall favour they received of this Demygod by the restoring of my love and life) to acknowledge in some manner their gratefulnesse.

Likewise doe there appeare manie other Romane knights, to worship their Generall, whose bountie is wont to remunerate their valor, as his valor doeth preserve their faithfulnesse.

This great waggon, overloaden with spoyles, doeth (as it were) complaine by his cracking, of his weakenesse, unable to carrie scarce the smallest portion of the prey gotten within the cittie. And verely this is but as a very small scantling

of the richesse, wee left behind vs, where the number is infinite of, to wit, of great rammes, slings, and other battering war-like engines, speares, partisans, javelins, launces, pikes, armours, standards, vessells of gold and silver: store of corne, metall, brasse, coyne, and other stuffe convenient for building: but principally innumerable faire Vessels, ships, and barkes, so that the cittie it selfe could bee accounted the least part of the bootie.

After you will see IVSTICE (daughter of heavenly Peace, and mother of all Vertues) sitting vpon a higher waggon and glorified by all soules, for the favour,

shee

shee bestoweth on mankind, punishing that monster of INIVSTICE: and even by this reason, the royall wifes and children of Indibilis and Mandonius (delivered from the Tyrannous yoake of the Carthagoniens) are glad to conduct this waggon.

As for the most noble Conqueror, hee appeareth, according to his desert, as an Emperour, beeing waited on by the chiefest noble Romanes.

Neere him doe ride the two hardie Lælius and Martius, as beeing neerest to him by their merits and renowme: the one having proved his doughtie

youth often before his sight : and th'other beeing most famous by manie victories, but especially by the overthrovv of some 37000. men in Asdrubal and Magons hoast.

But novv our worthie Conquerour, to prove the respect hee beareth to those most vertuous and most beautifull Ladies, hee commeth (desirous t'increase their recreation) to direct the point of his launce against the ring, finding no other object for it at this time, and vvithall to maintaine follovving articles.

1. That hee, that can trust vnto his ovvne Vertue, may not

not grudge at the glorie of an o-
ther.

2. Whosoeuer affecteth to e-
ternize his name, & to lift his fame
above the skie, hee must beginne
in his Youth to travell upon the
vveariſome hill of vertue.

3. That a brave captaine
needeth not to ſtay for the com-
ming of his foe, but shall rather
ſeeke him in his ovvne countrie,
beeing much better to prevent, then
to bee prevented.

4. That a vvorthie ca-
ptaine shall never purchaſe any
tittle or dignitie, whereby the lavv

and good customes may bee violated : but rather maintaine the greatnesse and quietnesse of his countrie, following th'example of

SCIRIO.

THE

THE SIXT CHAPTER.

ENTRIE

OF THE HIGH AND MIGHTIE PRINCE, GEORGE-Frederic Marquis of Baden and Highberg, Lantgrave of Souſenberg, Lord of Rœteln and Badevviler,

Repreſenting Germanie.

NONE hath reaſon to doubte of the excellencie of Germanie. The courage and cunning of this nation is moſt notorious. Our ennemies and envious themſelves can not denie it to bee vvorthie of thankes for th'invention as vvell of gunnes, as of that art of arts, vvhereby all learning, hiſtories, names and praiſes of vvorthie men, yea of the Gods themſelves are inrolled in the booke of Eternitie.

Notvvithſtanding this moſt renovvmed Nymph

Nymph doeth not grovv proud of it; but he
ring of this joyfull assemblie of her Prince
shee desireth her ovvne selfe to salute them
And beeing all ready before the tiltgarden
Stutgart, shee did send by one of her nymphs
this kind letter in stead of a challenge.

LETTER.

*GErmanie, the noble and
famous Nymph, and
vvith her tenne other
Nymphes, her best friends, to the
most honourable Ladies, like vvise
to the Lord Judges, and to all the
gallant Cavaleeres at this court,
doe vvish all happinesse.*

*Though it pleased God, to
bequeathe upon mee more beautie
& greatnesse, then upon anie other*

Nymph

Nymph of this world, adorning
nee lastly even with the majestie
f the Romane Empire: Yet must
confesse, to have allready too often
lte the truth of our proverbe:
PIGHT AND ENVIE
OE VVAITE ON
GOOD FORTVNE.

For my foes gathering their
rength, have not onely often times
ttempted to wast mine Estate by
ntinuall molestations: but they
id also lately bring into my coun-
rie a most execrable monster,
hose horrible fiercenesse and rage
id threaten the vttermost destru-
tion of all I doe possesse.

But since it did please that
lessed friend of mine, the most
povver-

powerfull CONCORD (whose
absence is no lesse harmefull, the
her presence is fruitfull to mee) t
promote by her owne hands m
reskew, and that by her assistan
I have now this monster take
prisoner: I thought it to bee conve
nient to bring it hether, that
might receive his most deserve
punishment by the just judgement
and in the sight of this most excel
lent assemblie of my Lords an
friends.

Thus beseeching you t'accep
and to dispose of at your discre
tion, and commending my dear
friend Concord, and my sweet
Nymphes as well as my selfe unt
your

our perpetuall love and favour
vvee doe reſt

Your ever affectionnate friends

GERMANIE

and the tenne Nymphs of her countries
(vvee doe call circles)

The circle of
1. Th'Electorship Palatine.
2. Elect. of Saxonie.
3. Auſtrie.
4. Burgundie.
5. Franconie.
6. Baveere.
7. Suevie.
8. High Palat. of Rhine.
9. Weſtphalie.
10. Lovv Saxonie.

The vvhole congregation vvas muc
rejoyced at the arrivall of ſo gentle a Nymph
but eſpecially the ſtout Scipio, the ſevere Pri
mus, and the Lord judges, vvho preſentl
commanded the opening of the liſts, vvhe
they ſavv ride in

Firſt ſix trumpetters apparelled in carna
tion ſatin, and vvhite ſilver cloth, vpon vvhit
horſes, vvith carnation furnitures.

After them came tvvo knights, as mar
ſhalls of the field, very richly adorned vvit
jevvells and great golden chaines.

Next vvent five Nymphs, playing on cor
nets, attired in carnation bodies, and ſilver pet
ticoats.

Then did appeare the ſtill-victorious
Empreſſe Germanie. Her bodie vvas covered
moſt ſtately vvith a govvne of carnation ſatin
embrodered all over vvith ſilver: she had
vpon her head a golden crovvne, in her right
hand an imperiall ſcepter, and in her left hand
a golden globe. Her ſteed vvas likevviſe bra
vely furniſhed of carnation ſatin embrodered
vvith ſilver, vvith vvhite and carnation fea
thers.

Shee vvas followved by the Nymphes
of her tenne circles. Their bodies vvere car
nation ſatin, embroder'd vvith ſilver, their pet
ticoats of cloth of ſilver: their heads quaintly
ſet vvith treſſes, jevvells, and flovvrs. Each o
them

them had in her hand a round ſcutcheon, vvherin the armes of her countrie vvere painted. Their horſes (and all throthers of this shevv) beeing vvhite, did praunce vvith furnitures of carnation vvith ſilver, and vvith high feathers of both colours.

The next that appeared after, vvas Concord, a Nymph, though more limmed then others are, yet beautifull.

For shee had (to bee more circumſpect) foure faire faces, and as manie more armes. The one of her right hands did hold the globe of the vvorld: the other the ruling ſcepter: the third the punishing ſvvord, and the fourth the victorious ſpeare. Her left hands vvere buſie to hold the incorruptible shield, vvhere (me thought) I ſavv graven in theſe tvvo vvords: CONCORDIA INVICTA. The horſe shee rode vpon vvas gallantly trimmed vvith a furniture all embrodered of ſilver and carnation. Shee did bring before her, bound and going a foot, her arch-adverſarie DISCORD, an abhominable monſter, his shape beeing like a man, but having infinite faces, armes and legg's.

Laſtly five Nymphs, apparelled in like colours, brought as manie horſes ſumptuously furnished.

As ſoone as this odious monſter came before thoſe Ladies, vvho by their beautie and

vertue (true nurses of love & peace) makt ſtarve both hatred and vvarre; it vvould faine (full of falsehood) have men perſuaded, as if it did repent at his vvickedneſſe. But it vvas in vaine. For the povverfull beames of their faire eyes; the forcible preſence of theſe vvorthies, vvho alltogether by this time doe profeſſe themſelves Germans; the vviſedome of the Iudges; and the generally-aggreeing curſe of the beholders brought this beaſt to his vttermoſt ruine, that it did fall before them all into deſpaire, reſtoring his damnable ſoule againe to hell, as the place of his birth.

Germanie moſt glad for it, preſently cauſed this ſong to bee published.

Song.

Great is my ioy, ſmall is my care
Ev'n novv that nothing more I feare,
Since that my foe
By the loſſe of his might
Beginneth my delight,
And ends my vvoe.

Right heavie vvas to mee the paine
My gentle Nymph's safe to maintaine:
But Concord strong
By her united skill
Could soone this monster kill,
And stop his vvrong.

Against such a monster to stand
None is able, vvithout the hand,
And counsell vvise
Of Concord help him fight:
Concord, vvhose praise shin's bright
Above the skies.

Joyfull therefore vvee may vvell sing
Evnnovv that vvee doe feare nothing.
Since that our foe
By the losse of his might,
Beginning our delight
Doth end our vvoe.

THE SEVENTH CHAPTER.

FIRST SHEVV

OF THE HIGH AND

mightie Prince Lewis-Frederic Duke of Wirtemberg.

vnder the name

Of Lucidor Knight of vnspotted Love.

THE death of this monster
Discord had even satisfied th
harts of the beholders fu
of just vengeance, vvhen
heavenlie vvight (as it seeme
came in the lists, and delivered to the Lor
Iudges, and to th'other Demy-gods a pap
containing thus much.

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LVCIDOR

REGENT OF

THE ISLANDS AMA=THVNT, CYPRVS, PAPHOS,

and Cytheree, Knight and protectour of the goddesse Venus, and of her sunne Cupid, to all monarches, lords, and knights, also to all Princesses, nymphes and ladies at this court, vvisheth accomplishment of their desires.

VEnus, the goddesse, of true and faithfull love, seeing that mortall men vvere grovvne thus bold (notvvithstanding they had received of the gods a free will to doe vvell or evill, to follow their good or bad angells, to aspire vnto

glorie or reproach) they did not feare (meaning their shamefull actions to excuse) most blasphemouslie to accuse her divinitie, so that shee beeing suspected like a sinne-full creature vvas in some manner despected by many simple and fearefull soules, did considering my deserts, choose mee for her knight, to repaire and to defend her honour. Wherefore having resolved, passing through all the vvorld, to inquire after her foes and for due punishment to destroy them vtterly, I had allready effectuated my purpos allmost in the vvhole vnivers, yet neither found any place, vvhere

this

this ſweet goddeſſe was duely worshipped, nor any ſufficient oppoſition or hinderance to refresh both her and my hart with a moſt juſte and pleaſing vengeance, ſo that I was no leſſe troubled by the receit and conveying away of palmes, as by the purchaſing thereof. Now had wee comming againe from America, Africa and Aſia ſcarce reached the iſle Sicilia, intending to rejoyce vs after that journey, vpon the pleaſant hill Erix, when all-telling Fame, after the publication of my name in this countrie, comming backe did informe vs of

of the most excellent assembly of so many Valorous Demygods and Knights, as incomparable beauties, at this Charitinian court. Those tidings did with exceeding joy move vs, not onely to rehearse the service, the chiefest wights of this congregation doe bestovve on true and pure love: but also to take our iourney hether vvithout any delay, with this our traine though small, but a shevv vvell shevving the vndefiled pureneſſe of our goddeſſe, intending to trie all exerciſes of chevalrie, ſet forth to the glorie and pleaſure of the Ladies. The length of our voyage, and the shortnes of time could not graunt, what this never-enough-praiſed com-

companie both for her and our
ſtates ſake doth require: Neverthe-
leſſe the goddeſſe calling all this to
mind, did not forget her power,
but did call the third celeſtiall
ſphere (where shee is vvoonted to
abide in) to come dovvne, and to
goe before her, denoũcing, shee com-
meth vvith her ſonne, vpon the
delectable hill Erix, quickening &
mooving it in ſtead of a triumfall
waggon, reſounding by the inſtru-
ments of many thouſand chaſtly-
loving ſoules, that live in eternall
mirth: but her foes, that either
did miſuſe or deſpiſe her grace, are
the vnworthie trophies of her wor-
thineſſe, preſſed by her feet, accor-
ding vnto their miſdeeds. Mo-

ouer, to prevent all doubts of her faith-loving allmight, I was glad the godly SOPROSINA, bearing the crovvne of eternitie should accompanie me on my right side, and did suffer the riotous and cogging OLETRIA (which to deceive soules, cloacketh oftentim's her lewdnesse vvith the faire name of true love) on th'other side: my vnspotted hart (hovvsoeuer subjected to Cupids arrovv's) rejecting still her beastly sensualitie. As for mine expert squire Phronander (vvhose prudence is the very vvitnes of my deeds) I disposed him betvveene the tvvo attending vvomen of my both contrarie companions, namely the inviolable

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Calosila, and the lascivious Eshrosila. The three Graces (beeing still with love, and love never without them) doe follow, to give unreprovable testimonie to their Goddesse, with their owne lipps, that never doe sever but with true love, and loving truth. The inconsiderate old-man Loth: the repenting David: Hercules the vainquisher of monsters: the matchles Salomon: Alexandre the great overcomer of the world: Pope Alexandre, the impostor of soules, and impoisoner of bodyes: the unsatiable Dagobert: and Solymã the threatner of heaven and earth, beeing all together slaves of love must extoll true love, and shamefully blush at their owne foolish

acts and villaine abuses. Also did the Vertues send vnto me three of their knights, namely Wisedome & Valor did send SOPHRODROT: Strength and Constancie, ANDRISTATOR: and Temperance and Prudence METRIPHRON: vvhich alltogether are no lesse resolved, then I myself am assured, to maintaine and to prove, That entire LOVE, beeing a mother and anurse of all Vertues doe revvard her servants not vvith carnall pleasure, but vvith the crovvne of Vertue, and that it bee but one thing, vvell to love and vvell to live. Thus excellent are the vvork's of chast love. Your evident wisedome (most vvorthie

jud-

iudges) vvill vs to ſpare more vvords, and the praiſevvorthie longing of thoſe conquering beauties (vvhoſe harts doe keepe the pudicitie of Diana, as their eyes doe expoſe the modeſt boldnes of Venus) doeth bid vs, to dilay no longer our entrie, Which to performe (may it pleaſe you) vvee are no leſſe ready, as deſirous to honour and to ſerve the vvhole heroicall and divine companie, vnto vvhoſe favor I moſt affectionnately doe recommend mee

LVCIDOR.

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THE judges having this vvriting perused, did graunt his requeſt vvillingly, and ſo there vvent in the liſts

Formoſt this ſame, that had delivered the letter, repreſenting the third heavenlie ſphere, ruled above by the Goddeſſe of love: horſe and man vvere all blevv over, full of ſmall ſtarres.

Next after him rode Phronander, his head vvas covered vvith a glittering helmet vvith red, vvhite, blevv and yellovv feathers. Hee caried a banner painted vvith a Serpent about a garland of laureſl, vvith the vvords: SERVAT PRUDENTIA LAURUM. In his shield hee had painted an eye, the token of circumſpection. His horſe vvas trimmed vvith cloth of ſilver, and vvith feathers of many colours.

Beſide him rode vpon an vnicorne the maid Calofila, in a vvhite ſatin govvne, layd vvith ſilver laces. The ſtandard shee bare, vvas red and beautified vvith the picture of the Elyſian field, and theſe vvords: FIRMUM AMOR ANIMARUM VITA.

On th'other ſide vvas Eſchrofila riding vpon a filthie goate, vvhoſe hornes vvere guilded: her rayment red, vvith ſilver laces, very rich and vvanton: her banner yellovv, painted vvith the paines of hell, and this vvriting: FICTUS AMOR ANIMARUM MORS.

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After them vvent Phronanders ſquire, nd the tvvo vvaiting-vvomen of his both ompanions. The one vvas clothed all in vvhite, crovvned vvith bay, and bearing in her and a branch of bay: Th'other vvas ador- ed vvith a brave rayment of red and greene, olding in her hand a looking-glaſſe, as the oken of her pride.

Next after vvent the hardie knight Lu- idor, armed ſumptuously after the Romane hape, the plume vvagging vpon his shining reaſt vvas vvhite, blacke, and yellovv. Like olours bare his ſteed, that vvas trimmed vvith furniture of cloth of gold. Hee did ride be- vveene his tvvo contrarie fellovvs, the godlie ophroſina, and the vvicked Oletria. That vvas in an apparell of vvhite ſatin embrodered vvith gold: she vvas crovvned vvith bay and vvith many jevvells, and did carrie a golden rovvne in her hand: her horſe vvas furnished kevviſe vvith vvhite ſatin, layd vvith gold aces, and adorned vvith great poſies of red and vvhite roſes. Th'others array vvas of red and vvhite, enriched vvith gold: shee had in her and a bare ſvvord thruſt through a bloudie art: her horſe vvas proudly ſtrouting vvith reat peacoks feathers, and vvith a furniture of ed and gold.

After them vvent the three Graces: they vvere richly arrayed at that time. I doe thinke, either

either their shamefastnesse, or the shame they vvould have, if they should bee found so graceleſſe before thoſe gracefull beauties, did keepe them from comming (after their vvoonted manner) naked. They made a ſvveet muſicke vvith their inſtruments and voyces, ſinging thus much.

SONG.

An armed knight can vvith his launce
Getting the victorie, grovve glorious:
But LOVE with a ſvveet-darting glaunce,
Is little, bare, and blind over all knights victorious.

That th'eyes of ladies doe the hart
Vainquish by look's, t'is moſt notorious:
But more appear's LOVE vvith his dart
Both of bodie and ſoule, of men and maids victorious.

That the gods doe rule by their might
Th'elements, t'is no leſſe notorious:

But little LOVE boast's vvith more right,
To bee of heav'n and earth, of sea and aire victorious.

Then vvent the good old man Loth, bearing a great booke: King David royally apparelled, vvith his harpe: Samson vvith the javv of the asse: Hercules, vvhose shoulders vvere provided vvith the Lyons skin, and his hand vvith his club: Salomon in a long garment of gold: the great Macedonian in an ornament of blevv embrodered vvith gold: the Pope in a stole of a darke colour, and a vvhite one over it: Solyman in blevv satin after the Turkish shape: and Dagobert in red vveeds: and they all vvent a foot, dravving their fetters.

Next after them mooved the pleasing hill Erix, resounding of a good musicke: in his formost part vvas an artificiall grot, very cunningly set vvith all kind of shells, vvhereof in the middest vvas a prettie vvatter-vvorke, casting vp the vvatter very high. Vpon the top of the hill (delightfully set all over vvith shrubs and flovvrs) vvas the Goddesse sitting vnder a pavillion made of cloth of gold: Shee vvould not hide her beauties, vvhereby she did get the golden ball, but vvas naked, having a crovvne vpon her head, and a golden scepter

in her hand. Manie ſoules of Kings and knigh
did lie there oppreſſed by her feet. Her dread
full and vvithall loveſie ſonne ſtood before he
shooting vnceſſantly his guilded arrovvs a
mong men.

Next after this hill vvent the thre
knights Sophrodrot, Andriſtator, and Metri
phron. The firſt caried vpon his helmet
golden lyon, and in his hand a ſilvered key
Vpon th'others head-peece vvas a turtle dove
and in his hand a broken columne. The third
his helmet vvas marked by a ſerpent and hi
hand vvith a looking-glaſſe. Their ovvn
names doe declare the ſignification of the
things. They vvere richly arrayed in ſatin
vvhite, blevv and red colours, laced vvith
gold, and their horſes vvith furnitures an
plumes of like colours.

Laſtly came nine horſes, ſumptuous
trimmed vvith rich ſaddles, and led at the han
by Romane ſervants.

The heavenlie ſphere, that vvent for
moſt, did deliver theſe verſes to the Ladies.

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LVCIDOR

TO THE LADIES.

Yee daintie Nymph's, vvhose honour is heavens pleasure,
Bliſſe of the world, comfort of love forlorne,
The povvrfull gods did gather all their treaſure
You to adorne. (Sure

Alſo the fame is ſuch of your perfection
Which can all harts of their freedome bereave)
That men thincke it to bee but a collection
Them to deceave.

But I, ſince novv I doe behold thoſe eyes,
The gods themſelv's muſt vvorship, I confeſſe,
No tongue, nor pẽ of man (howſoeuer vviſe)
Can truth expreſſe.

For your looks are thus sharp and cha
vvithall,
That hee, that vvould to praise them vn
dertake,
Must acknovvledge his vvitt should bee t
small,
An end to make.

Therefore come I to you vvith all this trai
Your vertues to adore vvith hũble dewti
This goddesse selfe vvould faine your sla
remaine,
To praise your beavties.

Then, faire, your beames doe cast vpon m
dovvne,
Beames, that doe shine brighter then Ph
bus rayes:
But one sveet looke is sufficient to crovv
My head vvith bay's.

VENVS

TO THE LADIES.

Ladies, by vvhoſe looks quicke and bright
My ſonne doeth maintaine all his might:
Whoſe luring and threatning eyebrovv's
Bee like arches to thoſe faire eyes,
That ſhine cleare as ſtarrs of the skies,
Whereby the ſoule her fortune knovv's.

Since your vertue, beautie and grace
Are th'onely impregnable place
Within my vvorld-governing raigne,
I come bringing my ſonne vvith mee,
My crovvne and Scepter, as your fee
To giue to your faire hands againe.

Each one of you faire, rich, and vviſe
May boldly challenge the deare priſe,
Iuno, Pallas, and I did craue:
And vvee muſt needs together ſay,

All the gifts vvee three can display,
That each of you allone them haue.

Well then Ladies most chast and faire,
That vvith svveet hue and vvith fine
haire
Doe entangle both soule and hart,
Goe on, augment your and my praise,
And make your fame more and more raise
Vnfoulding hope, feare, mirth and smart.

Yee that are content vvith your lot,
And beeing tyed vvith Hymens knot,
The food of love doe take and giue:
Acknovvledge love allone on earth
Can change thorn's to flovvrs, griefs to
mirth,
And to loue vvell, is vvell to liue.

But yee, vvhose eyes and harts doe svvarue,
And by despight or desire starue,
While Cupids dart you doe not proue;
Knovv and beleeue steadfast, all ioy,
Without true love is but annoy,
And vvho vvill liue vvell must vvel
loue.

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THE EIGTH CHAPTER.

FIRST ENTRIE

OF THE NOBLE AND VVORTHIE GENTLEMAN, RENOVVMED both for learning and chivalrie, S. Beniamin Buvvinkhauſen of VValmerode, of his Highneſſe of VVirtemberg privie counſell.

THE beholders beeing very buſie, to feed their ſight vvith the pleaſant richeſſe of the traine of Lucidor, knight of pure love, ſome did praiſe the prettineſſe of that invention; ſome vvere deſirous to bee of his followvers, and to vvorship his Goddeſſe; ſome that had once forſaken her, to obey againe to her ſvveet dominion; and ſome (leſſe expert then curious) did long to feele the thickling hit (as they thought) of thoſe golden arrovves of Cupid: vvhen by a nevv ſound of trumpetts

their nature (that ever loveth noveltie) vvas ſummonned, and their eyes vvere compelled by their nature to vievv the arrivall of theſe nevv aſſaillants.

Three ſquires came in firſt, their apparell vvas alike, of blacke velvet: they had ſcarfes about their armes, and plumes vpon their hats and horſes, of vvhite, greene and red colour.

Then vvent three players, the tvvo on cornets, and th'one on a ſackebotte: their hats vvere high and ſet vvith flovvrs, and their apparell vvas of greene ſatin, all cut like greene leaves, vvith vndercoats of red and vvhite, and vvith red buſkins.

A Dvvarfe, ſcarce a yard high, clad at the Romane shape, came burthened vvith his Lords head-peece, and shield (a great deale bigger thē the carrier) vvhoſe impreſa vvas to have no impreſa, vvith this vvord round about: Divæ. Inscribite, Parebo Ocyus.

Next vvent the old Aymon, vvith a vvhite long beard that covered all his belly. Hee vvas in a greene Romane-like armour, enriched vvith red, ſilver and gold: the bird that by her death getteth her birth vvas framed vpon his helmet vvithin the fire: his right hand did imbrace a ſpeare, vvhoſe biggneſſe vvould have vvearied the fiſt not onely of Braggadocchio, but of Anaxius himſelfe: at his left ſide

did

did shine the cruell ſvvord, hee had once got-
ten of the great Geryon : hee did beſtride a
milkevvhite nag, vvhoſe courage vvould have
paſſed over a vvhole armie, though the lovv-
neſſe of his bodie vvas ſcarce able to keepe the
heeles of his rider vp from the ground: it vvas
furnished vvith greene and red ſatin, laced
vvith gold and ſilver, bearing vpon his head
and crupper great poſies of all kind of artificiall
flovvrs.

Next after him came his foure ſonnes,
riding all together vpon one horſe, that vvas
covered vvith ſatin of red and greene, layd
vvith ſilver and gold, having feathers of
vvhite, greene, and red colours. As for the
foure gray brothers, they vvere armed Ro-
mane-like : their helmets covered vvith plu-
mes of red greene and vvhite feathers : their
ſides garnished vvith guilded ſvvords : their
right hands vvith painted launces vvith pe-
nons of three colours : and their left armes
vvith blevv painted shields, vvhereof the firſt
shevved theſe vvords vvritten vvith gold:
PRO RELIGIONE : the ſecond, PRO
LIBERTATE : the third, PRO PATRIA:
and the fourth PRO AMICIS. Tvvo ſer-
vants a foote vvaited on them in faire apparells
of greene, red and vvhite : the one carried a
shield painted vvith tvvo doves pecking at
one an other, both over-shined from heaven,

the vvord vvas : SIC BENEDICITUR.

In th'others shield vvere tvvo hounds gnavving both one bone, and a cudgell out of a clovvd beated them, vvith the vvord: NEUTRI.

Five vvell furnished horses, led by so manie servants in vvhite vveeds laced vvith red and greene, made an end on this shevv.

The challenge, the vviſe Aymon did ſend to the ladies and judges contained thus much.

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CHALLENGE.

MOST VERTVOVS AND MOST HONOVRABLE LADIES, AND yee moſt valiant Lords and Knights, may it pleaſe you to perceive the vvords of the good old Aymon, thus ſaying:

SIthence the redneſſe of my beard was changed into whiteneſſe, the vprightneſſe of my limmes into crooking, the livelineſſe of mine armes into faintneſſe, and the ſmoothneſſe and flourishing of my miſtreſſe to vvrinkles and withering:

thering : Yea ſithence the pur-
chaſing of ſo many jeopardous and
ſturdie adventures, my doughtie
foure ſonnes did overcome, had
even transformed their flaxen
haires into hoarineſſe : Wee (ha-
ving forſaken all vvorldlie mat-
ters) did come not much abroad,
contented to live for ourſelves, and
to shunne (I doe confeſſe it) the
knaverie of the world, and the ha-
tred, where the lovelie old age is
commonly perſecuted by.

But novv the returne of
this faire ſpring time, and much
more the renovvme of this much
ſvveeter and moſt excellent aſ-
ſemblie did intice vs, to get vs a-
gaine on horſebacke, and to come

hether,

ether, where our harts, though never cooled, but indeed much dejected by our much vsed patience, might bee once more inflamed by the light of that eye of the vvorld, buth much more by the stronger might of those heavenly eyes, vvhose forcible influence (vvee doe hope) can easely restore againe our vigour, if not vvholly reintegrate our youth: and vvhose bountifull beauties (vvee dare assure ourselves) to increase their glorie the more, vvill prove their almight the better vpon vs.

Truely our horsemanship and shevv is but small, and our meane meanes, and heavens just judgement against the thankless

world,

world, doe graunt no more but one horse for my foure sonnes: Yet is there never one among them, but hath as much as foure harts within one bodie, beeing each of them resolved to maintaine as well as I myselfe: That

1. The reputation of a knight doe not consist in outward shew, but in that hee is able to performe and to defend merrily and quietly.

2. The contentment of all ladies and knights may onely get the desidered perfection by the sureetie of their love.

3. Hee

3. Hee that is ſilent and faithfull can deſerve the grace both of God and men.

4. That each have his lucke (good and bad) in his powr. And laſtly

5. Every one doe cauſe his owne joy and ſadneſſe.

And this doe deſire I, the old Aymon, and my foure good old boyes to defend againſt whoſoeuer dare contradict. But heere wee doe meane, to doe it at the meaneſt price, remembred in King Priamus his deſie. I allone, the father, have by my thrift ſpared ſo much, that

that I may double it, hoping to get enough, to mend our armours, to vvhet our ſvvords, and to shooe our horſes vvithall, that vvee may againe goe about nevv adventures.

Aymon.

Floridan. Reynhold.

Erhard. Adelgund.

And theſe vvere the shevvs that did appeare in the tilt-garden the firſt day of the running at the ring.

THE NINTH CHAPTER.

Of the running at the ring the first day.

NOTHING could bee seene round about vvithin the lists, but silver, gold, jevvells, flovvrs, feathers, banners, launces and penons of all colours. The splendor did dazle the eyes of the beholders, and the richesse did ravish their mind.

THE Troyan Monarch, having before his sight so manie hardie and gallant nations borne of his bloud, felt his great hart pricked vvith the flames of hot desire, to make them by this occasion rejoyce and boast of their stocke; and his courage svvelling vvith a justly-conceived anger of revenge against his foes, that ever durst vvrong his fame by untruth.

The three goddesses (sitting neare him) had then among themselves no other contention, but to blesse this King vvith all contenta-

tion. Iuno, after shee had liberally bequeathed vnto him of her treasures, doth cleere and embellish the aire thereabouts: Pallas, having him nurrished in vvisedome, and instructed in feats of armes, giveth him her still-hitting golden launce: But Venus to stirre vp the more his hart, doeth lift his sight tovvard those assistant beauties, but especially to that rare Nymph, vvhose vvorthinesse is chiefly of the Charitinians, and should bee of the vvhole vvorld praised, & vvorshipped. And in truth, yee fickle-minded Goddesses, your assistance vvas very needlesse.. For this Goddesse, called by mortall men Barbara-Sophia Ducheesse of Wirtemberg, hath allone much more povver in this matter, then yee three together.

On th'other side stayeth the great victor Scipio. His soule (adorned vvith the tvvo precious jevvells of Godlinesse and Iustice, vvhereby Princes are made like Gods) is ready, novv to replenish by the gracefull managing of his bodily behaviour the Spectatours vvith as much astonishment, as in his victories hee did fill his foes by his povver vvith avve and dread, and by his mercie vvith hope and pleasure. The brightnesse of the incomparable treasure, hee had obtained like another (but a most faithfull) Iason, piercing his heart, did move him, to please those delectable eyes by his skillfull and comely deme-

nor

nor, and to rejoyce vvithin him ſelfe at ſo vnreprovable vvitneſſes.

C. Lœlius (otherwiſe called Prince Iohn-Auguſt Palatine) renovvmed both for his valiancie and prudence intendeth to maintaine his vvell deſervedly-gotten praiſe.

Of that mind is alſo L. Martius, vvho oftentimes in the flovver of his youth, ſeconding that laſt great HENRY King of Fraunce, had ſet the caracters of his vertue vpon the backe of his ennemies, and therefore vvith that Romane Martius may vvell bee compared. For his name (ſounding in the booke of Eternitie Chriſtian Prince of Anhalt) is as delightfull, as his vviſedome and valor beefruitfull to the vvorld.

Sillanus (els Prince Chriſtian the yonger) and all th'other Romanes (that all vvere earles and Lords) are ready to doe vvell beeing aſſiſted by Iuſtice, vvherein all vertues doe meet.

The Empereſſe likevviſe is reſolute to remove by her gallantneſſe all doubts, that might riſe of her vvorthineſſe. And the Nymphs of her circles doe attend vvith impatience to ſhevv, according to their vvish, the might and certaintie of their armes enured vnto ſuch exerciſes.

Who can doubt of the commendable vvill of the Knight of godlie love? Alſo So-

phrosina and Oletria (this beeing Prince Magnus of Wirtemberg, and that, Craft Earle of Hohenloe, famous through Europa) and the knights of vertues, doe expect alltogether, till the order graunteth leave vnto them, to finish by their courses their expectation.

Lastly the old Aymon (vvhose age if it should bee reckoned vp by his vvorthie deeds, vvould surmount the number of his yeares) is assured to live but by doing vvell: And his sonnes doe ayme at n'other scope, but to tread in their fathers steps.

Novv did those knights desire vvith all their hart to defend their challenge in earnest against some foes: but svveet Concord, that novv vvas visibly among them, and els is vvont spiritually to abide vvithin them; semblably those beauties did silently bid them to performe it joyfully in jeast (vvanting subjects fit for their anger) by the running at the ring.

Then sounded the trumpets together, vvhen King Priamus leaping vpon his steed, and seising his golden launce came in the middest of the race, and performing suddenly his careere hee tooke his staffe vp from his thigh, and let it sinke dovvnvvard vvith so skillfull a justnesse, that hee caried the ring avvay.

Nevertheless the most noble Scipio vvas not troubled by that, but follovving vpon his

his horſe curvetting, hee turned vnavvares, and keeping an even line in his courſe, and a moſt comely and juſt deſcent vvith his ſtaffe, and paſſing like a lightning, hee hitted the ring too.

Lœlius, Martius, and all th'other noble Romanes: After them the great Empereſſe, and her Nymphes: likevviſe Lucidor and his companie: And Aymon and his ſonnes, performed each of them three careeres againſt the ſonne of Laomedon, vvith like ſvviftnes and gracefulneſſe.

But vvhen the ſunne (though neither a vvearie nor ſaciated to behold this ſport, but onely obſerving the lavv, shee muſt ſo obſerve) beganne to vvithdravv herſelfe into her Weſterne palace, our Worthies and Ladies returned alſo to the caſtle, and after they had reſtored themſelves at the ſupper, they vvent to ſee play a firevvorke, very skillfully framed like a caſtle and a VVind-mill, and pleaſantly accomplished.

THE TENTH CHAPTER.

SECOND SHEVV

OF THE HIGH AND mightie Prince Lewis-Frederic Duke of Wirtemberg.

Vnder the name of English Ladies.

ASSOONE as the beames of the sunne did guild the toppes of the mountaines, the scaffolds in the tilt-garden vvere againe filled vvith people. The magnificence had yesterday so much delighted the eyes of the spectatours; and never-silent Fame did thus thickle the eares, and intice the mind of

of thoſe, that either by too much buſineſſe, or too great an idleneſſe had neglected ſo rare a ſight, that novv th'one as vvell as th'others thruſted into the place, and vvaited there impatiently for the midday.

Then did appeare againe the vvorthie Defendant Priamus, in his triumphant chariot, and in that ſame order, hee had done the day before.

But by and by vvhen even the Troyanes did yet ranke themſelves, there came in a yong maid on horſebacke, that did ſing very merrily.

Next after her vvent three daintie Ladies vpon luſtie palfreyes. Their apparell vvas alike, their heads beeing ſet vvith curled treſſes, enriched vvith jevvells, their necke bare, vvith a rich carcanet, and a rebatoe, their govvnes of vvhite ſatin of China vvith red and blevv flovvers, their petticoats of a ſea-greene colour: they had in their hand blacke fannes, in ſumme they vvere right like English Ladies, ſitting a ſide as ladies are vvont to ride and naming themſelves by borrovved English names.

Three knights, that followed after, vvaited on them: and they alſo vvere very bravely apparelled, beſtriding horſes richly trimmed vvith ſtatelie ſaddles and furnitures.

The reason of their comming vve may vnderstand by the reading of their challenge, as doth follovv.

DEFIE.

THREE ENGLISH LADIES TO THIS MOST WORTHIE ASSEMBLIE.

THe praise of Germanie, and the knot of friendship, vvhere it is tyed by vnto our nation, did oftentimes dravv our harts to take a journey hether, vvhen our bodies vvere beyond the sea. But the tidings vvee received of

of the triumphant shevvs, the Duke of Wirtemberg should set forth to the honour of our nation, did constraine vs, to follovv our harts, leaving our vvoonted exercises of hunting, and forsaking the silence of our vvoods, to runne after the sound of trumpets. Thus speedily vvee departed from England, taking no other companie but three knights, our conductors, that have no other desire but to prove by their constant service the blamelesse love, they doe beare vnto vs, that vvee might doe the like vnto them: and novv beeing come hether, vvee doe pray you very kindly, to give vs leave, to bee partakers of your joy. And

though neither our state nor our custome doe command vs to vse the exercise of launces: nevertheless this prayse-worthie assemblie, seconded by our ambitious boldnesse, will vs (vvee doe beleeve) to goe into the field, and according to the fashion of this countrie to prove most surely before these vveet sight of these celestiall beauties, that

1. Womankind doe excell mankind as farre as heaven excelleth earth: And that

2. Wee ourselves are farre more sufficient, then men can ever bee, to commend vvorthily our sexe. And lastly that

3. The-

3. *There bee no power neither in heaven nor on earth able to hinder the accomplishment of a vertuous Ladies her desire.*

Thus hoping it vvill please the judges to graunt vs an answer, that may not displease vs, vvee doe rest in all vertuous duetie at your command.

Darby. Wincheſter. Pembroke.

THE

THE ELEVENTH CHAPTER.

ENTRIE

OF THE CAPTAINES, GENTLEMEN OF THE CHAMber, and other courtiers to the Duke of Wirtemberg.

Calling themselves

Knights of the white and red united rose.

THE three gallant and quaint English Ladies did breed not onely great delight vvithin the hart of the present Nymph's, but also a vertuous jealousie in great Priamus greater courage, vvhen a nevv sound of trumpets striking the eares of the standers by, vvarned them of the arrivall of nevv assaillants, that named themselves Knights of the vvhite

vhite and red vnited roſe. They came in this
anner.

Formoſt rode three trumpetters, bea-
ng vvhite hats vvith red feathers, vvhite
ublets and red coats and breeches, and both
olours at their trumpets. Their horſes, beeing
vhite, vvere furnished vvith red, and in ſtead
fplumes they had a great roſe, halfe vvhite
ndhalfe red.

After vvent nine ſquires, three after
ree, covered vvith vvhite glittering armours,
vith baſes of red ſatin, red feathers vpon their
elmets, and launces vvith penons painted
vith the roſe of both colours, vpon vvhite
orſes vvith red furnitures.

Nine knights did follovv, attired in both
olours, having vvhite hats vvith red and
vhite feathers, dublets of vvhite ſatin, and
reeches of red velvet laced vvith ſilver, carna-
ion ſcarfes, vvhite bootes and ſilvered ſpurres:
eſtriding vvhite horſes, furnished vvith red,
nd adorned vvith great roſes.

Some footmen clothed in like liverie
did runne a long.

The defie, they ſended to the Iudges, I
doe english thus.

Chal-

CHALLENGE.

FOr as much as some ex- pert Astrologers late did prognosticate, that so, a celestiall influence vvv should cause in a place situated vn- der the signe of the Archer, an as- semblie of great Lords, vvho by their vvisedome shall reforme and confirme the old confidence of Ger- manes, and abrogate the harm- full mistrust of some evill instru- cted members of this nation: We that doe long much after such a re- formation and vnion, hearing of the meeting of so renowmed Prin-

es at this court, did take our jour-
ney presently hether, offering with-
all our service, as desirous to
indevor our selves at any occasion,
and against all troublers of com-
mon quietnesse. Wee doe hope al-
so, the vvell-chosen lord Iudges
vvill not onely bee pleased to ac-
cept of vs, but also to give vs leave,
to enjoy the priviledges of Adven-
turers at this exercise, vvhere wee
doe intend to defend,

1. That even as the haters of Christian peace doe deserve the curse both of God and men: so there bee no greater praise for a knight, but to further the tranquillitie of his countrie.

2. And

2. And therefore shall hee still bee willing and ready to persecute till to death all contentious and seditious men.

3. And that no respect of religion may withhold any honest man, and much lesse a knight from such an intent: But

4. The love, hee beareth to his countrie, and to the Germane freedome, shall subdue all other consideratio[n]s.

THE

THE TWELFTH CHAPTER.

SECOND ENTRIE

of

THE VERTVOVS

ND RIGHT NOBLE S. BEN-
min Buvvinkhauſen, of Walmerode,
Privie Conſellour to the Duke of
Wirtemberg.

Named at that time

Laſla Janush.

BEFORE vvee doe deſcribe this prettie, and both ſad and merry shevv, that purpoſely vvas kept all moſt till at the laſt, to ſtirre vp againe (as it vvere) the ovvſie beholders, Wee vvill ſee the ſtorie, is brave knight (then called Lasla Ianush)

did send in stead of a defie to the Iudges. And that I may english thus.

Historicall relation of this shevv.

LASLAIA-NVSH.

AVALiant Hungarian knight, dvvelling vpon the marches of Bulgarie, in the time vvhen Amurathes vvas Emperor of Turkie, and Vladislaus King of Hungarie, did get so great a name by the helpe he gave to George Castriot (otherwise called Scander-Beg) against the Turkes, that hee vvas most dreadfull unto them, and knovvn through Asia and Africa, so that

even the children were affrighted by his name.

This knight beeing maried with Voisana (onely daugther to the Prince of Triball) had his mariage blessed with six sonnes, named Reposius, Constantine, Stanisa, George, Vrius and Andrash: and six daughters, namely Marie, Iella, Angellina, Vlaica, Manizza, and Nestoria. But though these daughters were graced by all bodilie gifts of Nature, and therefore oftetimes woed by many a gallant and noble suter, yet would they never learne any lesson of love, but still with resolute refusall sẽded backe their louers assuring them, their heart neither could nor would ever bee bequeathed to the service of Venus.

Thus as the six brethren had no other desire or care, but dayly to shew vvsome triall of their courage, and to eternize their life by hasarding it in the furious meeting of their foes: so the six sisters liked no other pastime but to keepe the house vvith their grand-father (that vvas yet living) to serve God, and to practise some surgerie, vvhereby they did succour their brothers, yea even their subdued foes and prisonners, and all others, vvhose vertuous courage had caused them to get rather wounds then shame: so that in short time they got great skill to heale all griefs, and grevv very famous by their vertues, as their brethren by their warlike deeds.

But

But ſo it fell out, that at a time the brothers cõming backe from an incounter brought many Moores and Turkes priſoners vvith them home, among vvhich, the Kings of Tremiſa his ſonne, called Muley Zid Hamet, mortally vvounded vvas recovered by the help, thoſe Ladies did applie. But this curing of his bodie vvas to his hart a very vvounding, vvhich comming from the kind eyes of the one of his mercileſſe leeches, could bee healed by none but by her. But when the Phiſition will neither know nor ſee the hurt, then there is no remedie to bee looked for. Novv this vnfortunate Prince ſet at libertie by a great ranſome hee payd, muſt leave his

hart in a straighter prison at his sweet hostesse, where seing it could by no faire meanes bee redeemed of, hee did complot vvith some of his friends, to constraine by force his deare hostesses to bee his dearer guests. Thus, vnderstanding once, that the father and brothers were gone abroad to vvarre, hee came vvith his follovvers, and getting the house easily, hee did put to the sword all that durst withstand, & there their grandfather (a poore old-man that would not yeeld) was vnluckily killed, and the six yong ladies vvere caried avvay to the temple of Venus at Tremisa, there to bee instructed after the pagan manner in the service of Venus.

But

But their father and brethren at their returne extreamely grieued at the losse of their daughters and sisters, and at the death of their father, tarried not long, but went with all their force after the infidelles, and surprised their strong towne, before they feared the siege, and killed the Prince Zid Hamet and all his men. But in this commotion, some of the barbarous (hating this love of their Prince, and loving the hatred, Cupid had conceived against those faire Nymphs of Diana) fell into the temple, and there killing the six ladies, made a most cruell sacrifice of their bloud that never would have

ſacrified their mind. Then Laſla Janush overcome by a paſt-comfort ſorrovv, ſlevv not onely all men, but cauſed alſo the Goddeſſe Venus herſelfe to bee ſhackled, and her bloud-thirſtie ſonne to bee hanged by the heeles at a gibbet. What more did befall vnto them, hovv they all vvere bevvitched, and preſervved alive moſt miraculouſly ſince that time, vvould bee heere toolong to tell. Therefore I vvill but declare, that lately the dead bodie of their old father met vvith them vpon the ſea, ſitting in a little boat, and foretold them of this moſt honourable aſſemblie, with promiſe, both bee himſelfe and Cupid ſhould bee againe quickened, and

Venus

Venus delivered, with her sonne
be purified, and converted to a
godlie ladie: and they all saved
from inchauntments, by the super-
all might, the heavens doe powre
into the gracious eyes of these La-
dies. But to keepe the fruit of this
most-excellent grace, they must
first vow, hereafter to endevor to
be all service and honour to these
heavenlie beauties, and to follow
us vvell honest Love as lavvfull
Mars.

With this intent they all are
now come, beseeching the lord
Iudges to graunt them leave to
offer in the face of the vvorld, the
vse of their harts and hands vnto
these celestiall beauties, vvhose in-

influence the' doe no leſſe long fo
then they are full of deſires to shev
themſelves thankefull.

THE liſts vvere preſently opened, the
vvent in
First three maſters over the fiel
richly apparelled, and provided v vi
red ſtaffes, and red feathers.

After them came a great vvave, gov
ned by three Tritons: the one, having a thre
forked mace, did guide a Venetian vvherri
floating vpon this vvatter: there the dead o
man did lie in, in a red habit of the Hungaria
fashion.

Three ſervants followved a foot, clad i
red, vvhite and yellovv ſatin, and covere
vvith broad ſilvered hats: each caried a ſilvere
basket full eggs, that vvere filled vvith ſvvee
vvatters, to fling them among the people.

Next after them did flovv an otherar
tificiall vvatter, vvhere vpon appeared th
guiltie Goddeſſe, ſitting in her vvaggon, tha
vvas drav ven by tvvo ſvvimming ſvvans: she
vvas pompouslyadorned in a ſatin govvne, o
blev

levv and carnation, embrodered over vvith old and filver: her head vvas ſet vvith curled haires, jevvells and flovvers: but her hands vvere faſtened vvith golden fetters. Before her ſtood a gibbet, all blacke and painted over vvith teares, there did hang poore Cupid on his foot, holding yet his bovv and ſome arrovves. Five Tritons (the tvvo formoſt ſinging, and th'other three playing on cornets, bevvailing together the miſchance of this Goddeſſe) conducted this vvave.

Tvvo faire vvinged angells did follovv: their avengefull hands, provided of glittering vvords, brought on Cupids his ſoule vvithin a darke clovvd, marked vvith theſe vvords: DORMIENS IMMORTALIS ANIMA CUPIDINIS.

Next vvent tvvo Hungarian ſervants a foot. Th'one did carrie a red ſpeare, broaching the Morian Princes his head: his left arme vvas armed vvith a ſhield painted vvith tvvo cocks afigthing, and ſome gold falling from the heaven; The vvord vvas: VICTORI. Th'other caried an other head ſpitted on a ſcymitar: in his shield vvere painted ſome hands bovvling at a marke: the vvord vvas: PROXIMIORI.

After them came the brave knight Laſla Janush. The ſhape of his apparell vvas Hungarian, the colour crimſon: his ſhoulder decked

decked vvith a Tiger-skin: hee caried at his fi
a rich ſcymitar, in his hand a Hungarian mac
and vnder his thigh a balash (that's a gre
ſmyter) His ſteed vvas brave vvith gre
plumes, and an embrodered furniture after th
Turkish manner.

Hee vvas followved by his ſix ſonne
riding tvvo after tvvo, all very ſtately arraye
bearing vvinged shields (as the Hungarian
are vvont to doe) and long red ſtaffes, vvhe
the heads of their foes did ſticke on.

Finally ſeven blacke slaves did lead ſeve
nimble Turkish horſes, gallantly trimme
and very fit for ſuch an imployment.

The bevvraied Goddeſſe comming ſ
neare, that shee vvas inlightened by the revi
ving ſplendor of the preſent Ladies, did (fal
ſing dovvne on her knees) lift vp her eyes, he
hands and voyce, ſinging moſt vvofully an
yet more ſvveetly thus much.

COM

COMPLAINT OF THE GODDESSE VENVS, BEEING BOVND, TO THE LADIES.

Princesses, vvhose faire sight ov'r earth and heaven raignes,
Whose curled golden haires could bind the gods in chaines,
Without whose godly soules the wretched vvorld should bee
Without vertue and glee.

And yee, sweet nimfs, vvhose eyes (eyes like the sunne most faire)
Can fill all harts and soules both vvith hope and dispaire;
Vvhose looks daintily cast, vainquishing evry hart,
Can free vs from all smart.

Great

Great goddesses let not my prayers be
vaine,
But doe deliver mee and my child fro
this paine:
If mine offence is great, no lesse is nowv m
grief,
Then graunt mee some relief.

Let my tear's mollifie the marble of you
breſt;
T'is well-done to procure for toyled mine
some reſt:
Seeing that gods themſelvs doe ſpare the
punishment,
VVhen ſinners doe repent.

I ſvveare by your bright eyes (ſole hope
mine eſtate)
That to live modeſtly I ſtill vvill imitate
Your moſt vertuous ſteps: and to pavv
I ſet dovvne
My ſcepter and my crovvne.

His requeſt of hers vvas approved by thoſe greater Goddeſſes, and the efficacie of their ſvveet-vvorking beames did affoord againe life to the dead, deliverance to the condemned, and libertie to the priſoners. The old man revived, and vttered this ſong to the great aſtonishment of the people.

SONG.

VVhat pleaſing beames doe drive avvay my paine?
What aſvveet chaunce doth ſave me from the bane?
O Godlie Nymph's, enough hovv can I praiſe you,
If heavens povvr can never higher raiſe you?

Reioyce O vvorld! Thoſe goddeſſe (more kind,
And more povvrfull then shee vvhoſe child is blind)
They vvill, ſvveet Love shall bee chaſtly maintained,
And by mankind vertuouſly entertained.

The

THE tvvo angells, pulling th
gibbet out from the vvaggon
delivered poore Cupid, vvh
vvith vniverſall a joye, ran t
embrace his deare mother: Bu
shee ſeeing her vvofulneſſe tur
ned ſo ſuddenly to glee, changed preſently he
dolefull tune, vvith a cheerefull voyce, int
this ſong, to vvitnes her thankefulneſſe.

SONG.

VENVS BEEING DE
LIVERED.

Since that you have againe redreſſed
(Yee nymphs that are the gods deſire)
My child and my poore ſelf diſtreſſed,
To n'other glorie I aſpire,
But that I get this bleſſedneſſe
As to ſerve ſtill your vvorthineſſe.

My iudges his hart vvas more tender
As ſoone hee ſavv your heau'nly ſight:
And I vvith all my hart doe render
Vnto you all my godly might:

But to serve you, t'is blessednesse,
For peereleſſe is your vvorthinesse.

I have by you not onely gained
My life, but also powver and crovvne,
Therefore all that you have maintened,
I leave it to you as your ovvne:
To serve you, t'is my blessednesse,
For matchles is your vvorthinesse.

Thus doe rule, according your pleasure,
Th'univers beneath and above:
Thus shall the vvorld glad above measure
Resound your praise, your might approve:
Since that to serve your vvorthinesse
Can bee the greatest blessednesse.

THE TIRTEENTH CHAPTER.

ENTRIE

OF THE MOST VVORTHIE AND TRVELL noble gentleman S. Ferdinand Geitzkofler, of Gailenbagh.

Vnder the name

of

Queay Lurent Ise, Regent of Madagascar.

THE beginning of the last song of Venus served for an ending of the sadnesse, bred by commiseration vvithin the soules of the beholders: vvhen prattling Fame brought nevves to their eares, of the arrivall of a most strange forreine King. And so it vvas indeed.

This

This meeting of our Nymphes and Worthies vvas knovvne every vvhere by the notorious praise of their vertue and perfection. The people of America did talke of it as vvell as the Asians and Affricans. The Islanders of BORNEO, MALACCA, IAVA, MADURA, St. HELENA, IAPAN, St. APOLLONIA, MANILLE, MOLUCCA, de los ROMEROS, de DIEGO SORES, and of all other Islands doe maruell at it. The inhabitans of Madagascar (no more gulled by the slights of the most ougliе and execrable Tajuvaddei, as they vvere heretofore) doe take comfort of this Christian assemblie. But one of their princes, not content to heare of it, felt his hart kindled vvith a praise-vvorthie ambition, that made him resolve to come himselfe over in this countrie: and for that purpose hee caused a number of Ruches (hudge birds, and so big, that one is able to carrie avvay an Elephant) to bee gathered: but fearing, least the common people of these countries might take some perturbation, and make some vprore against him, and for other reasons vvee shall knovv, hee did forbeare to come vvith so great a coyle.

Assoone as hee vvas arrived before the garden at Stutgart, hee sended a letter in lieu of a challenge to the Lord Iudges, that vvas vvritten vvith gold vpon a strange greene leave, and may thus bee englished.

DEFIE OF QVEAY LV-RENT ISE, KNIGHT OF HOPE, ISSVED OF THE MIGHTIE HOUSE OF RUTGEES, GOVERnour of the Island Madagascar, situated towvards the East, over against Capo di bouna sperança.

BEcause it befitteth men of great birth, to shevv themselves by their ovvne deeds vvorthie branches of their noble stockes: I did (following the steps of my predecessours) determine, to take a journey in these coũtries, and principal-

pally to make a tryall of the valor of the much renovvned European Knights.

The tidings, I had of this moſt laudable meeting of ſo manie great princes and cavaleeres in this pleaſant Dukedome of Wirtemberg, did cauſe me to make the more haſt, and to take no other follovvers (as I vvell vvas able to doe) buth ſuch, vvhoſe preſence having no deale in the victories (I am ſure to get of theſe moſt famous knights) may not claime any part of my glorie.

Novv ſince that Fortune (that ſtill is vvont to favour dreadleſſe courages) conducting mee by ſea in a ſhort time about the

halfe vvorld, and then throug
many a goodlie countrie, hat
brought mee hether: I doe intend
by your leave, in this field of hon
nour, to maintaine against vvho
soever dare gainesay, but chiefly
against the most-vvorthie De
fendant Priamus.

That the name of a perfect
Knight is not onely gotten by
deeds of provvesse, but also by
constancie and faithfulnesse in
Love.

I doe not doubt of the victorie,
vvhereby I doe rather hope the
vvhole obtaining of my desires:
But yet, if often-changing For-
tune should deceive me for this
time,

time, I am sure of this comfort, by the certaintie I have, that to bee overcome by this peereleſſe knight, and to overcome all other knights is a most equall honour.

Thus commending my ſelfe to the grace of theſe most gracefull Ladies, and to the favour of the lord Judges I reſt

Your ever to bee commanded:

Queay Lurent Iſe,
named Knight of hope.

The liſts beeing opened, theere vvent
Formoſt tvvo pipers playing moſt
fully on pipes made of reed. They vver
naked, but their faces, haires and their vvho
bodie vvas as greene as any graſſe; their head
and their vvaſts vvere compaſſed vvith
branched vvorke framed of greene leaves.

Next after them appeared their Princ
on horſebacke. His bodie vvas of a brigh
greene colour: his haires likevviſe greene ad
orned vvith a greene golden crovvne, and hi
hand vvith a ſcepter. Hee did beſtride a horſe
vvhoſe colour vvas of a ſea-greene, daple
vvith greener ſpots: his furniture vvas mad
of artificiall branches full of greene leaves, ver
ſtrange and delightfull to the eye.

Six ſerving men a foot vvaited on him
they vvere all bare, beeing their skin greene
their heads crovvned vvith greene garlands
and their vvaſts environned vvith greene
branches, their right hands provided of greene
javelins, their linke armes of greene three cor-
nered litle shields, and their ſides of greene
ſmytars, ſo that there vvas nothing to beeſeene
on them but t'vvas greene.

Laſtly brought ſuch an other greene
Madagaſcarian a horſe moſt richly furnished.

THE

THE FOVRTEENTH chapter.

SHEVV OF THE WORTHIE GENTLEMAN MASTER THOmas de Spinoſa,

Naming himſelfe

Therion Satyran.

THoſe greene-bodied Madagaſcarians, cauſing great pleaſure and admiration to the beholders, vvould have longer intertained the gluttonous ſight of the gazing people, but that the eares, hearing the ſhrilling ſound of a horne, and the vvhooping of huntſmen did intreat the eyes to pleaſe the curiouſneſſe of the mind. So they ſavv a foſter in a greene liverie, carrie a paper to the lord Iudges, containing a Defie in French, I thus doe translate.

DEFIE.

THERION SATYRAN, VVHO BY THE GREATNES OF HIS COVrage, by the ſtrength of his arme, and by the aſſiſtance of his truſtie hounds did kill manie beaſts more furious, then the vvild boare of Erymanthe vvas, ſendeth greeting to the moſt Valorous knights, and more vertuous Ladies heere aſſembled.

BEeing ſome dayes agoe a hunting, my hounds did thruſt vp a great ſtag, and purſuing him ſo hotly through manie a vvood, they gave him death not farre hence in the foreſt of

of Ooragh. There causing my hounds to bee againe coupled, that I might returne home, I ſuddenly did heare the voyce of the Goddeſſe Fame, announcing the happie birth of a little Demy-god in this countrie, and for his ſake a moſt excellent meeting of manie a magnanimous Prince and Knight, intending (to vvitnes their common joy) to prove their provveſſe in the ſight of the moſt beautifull Ladies. This tiding pricking my hart (as vvell deſirous of rude adventures, as of ſportfull hunting) did induce me to take my vvay hether, and to intreat the lord Iudges (as I doe moſt humbly) for leave, to helpe to ſet forvvard this

ſtate-

ſtately triumph, and vvithſta
ding the moſt vvorthie Lord D
fendant at this exerciſe of runnin
at the ring, to maintaine, That

A Knight ſhall bee expert a
vvell in Hunting, as in feates o
Armes and of Love.

THERION SATYRAN.

THis noble hunter, arrayed in gray ſatin, having a baudricke vvith a horne about his necke. and a ſtagges-foot in his hand, came in the liſts onely accompanied by his huntſmen, that vvere handſomely clothed in greene liveries, vvith their hornes about their necks, leading their hounds in couples, vvho by the muſicke of their vvhinning crie teſtified, the vvoods and fields adorned by nature vvere more pleaſant vnto them, then the citties and places of artificiall pleaſure. Theſe

These vvere all the entries of the assail-
ants, that came the second day in the lists,
vvhere, after they had turned tvviseabout, and
vvved their skill in horsemanship, they
nged themselves the one after th'other, and
vaited vvith lesse doubte then impatience,
ll the order did command them to finish
eir hope, trying their fortune against the
eat Laomedonian.

THE FIFTEENTH chapter.

OF THE RUNNING AT THE RING THE second day.

MY couragious soveraigne (then named Priamus King of Tröye) did hold againe vvith his both sure and gracefull hand a gilded staffe, and his proud steed did even (as it vvere) daunce at the vveet play of the nine godlie sisters, vvhen the trumpets sounding together made his courage

and

ſtately triumph, and vvithſtanding the moſt vvorthie Lord Defendant at this exerciſe of running at the ring, to maintaine, That

A Knight ſhall bee expert as vvell in Hunting, as in feates of Armes and of Love.

THERION SATYRAN.

THis noble hunter, arrayed in gray ſatin, having a baudricke vvith a horne about his necke, and a ſtagges-foot in his hand, came in the liſts onely accompanied by his huntſmen, that vvere handſomely clothed in greene liveries, vvith their hornes about their necks, leading their hounds in couples, vvho by the muſicke of their vvhinning crie teſtified, the vvoods and fields adorned by nature vvere more pleaſant vnto them, then the cities and places of artificiall pleaſure. Theſe

These vvere all the entries of the assaillants, that came the second day in the lists, vvhere, after they had turned tvviseabout, and shevved their skill in horsemanship, they ranged themselves the one after th'other, and vvaited vvith lesse doubte then impatience, till the order did commaind them to finish their hope, trying their fortune against the great Laomedonian.

THE FIFTEENTH chapter.

OF THE RUNNING AT THE RING THE second day.

MY couragious soveraigne (then named Priamus King of Troye) did hold againe vvith his both sure and gracefull hand a gilded staffe, and his proud steed did even (as it vvere) daunce at the vveet play of the nine godlie sisters, vvhen the trumpets sounding together made his courage and

and nimbleneſſe increaſe, and performe the courſe, his Lord allotted skilfully vnto him, as ſvviftly as any arrovv shot from a ſtrong bovv, and Priamus, vſing his ſtaffe moſt comely, vvas ſo juſt in the letting of the point fall, that hee tooke the ring avvay vvithall.

Should not this ſtaffe (that beeing ruled by this hand may bee compared vvith the dart of Cephalus) put feare, or at leaſt doubt into our adventurers? But they thinke (I doe thinke) to have no leſſe dexteritie, if Fortune did but favour them. And verely the three English Ladies (that by this time have, like Zelmane, transformed their vvomanhood into manhood, the firſt beating name of Levvis-Frederic, the ſecond Magnus both Dukes of Wirtemberg, and the third Craft Earle of Hohenloe) did prove by their behaviour, as if in ſpight of Vertue and Fortune (that both did in perſon aſſiſt the Troyanes) they vvould by their ovvne vertue crovvne their heads vvith bay, and their names vvith Renovvme.

The firſt (called Darby) vvent her horſe to the carreere, beating the ground according to the meaſure of the trumpets, and then paſſing ſuddenly did not miſſe the ring.

Wincheſter and Pembroke did follovv vvith vnreprovable a gracefullneſſe and ſvviftneſſe, and take the ring likevviſe avvay.

The Knights of the red and vvhite vnited

vnited rose vvere the next that ran: and then the brave Lasla Ianush: after the Prince of Madagascar; and lastly the gentle hunter.

But vvhat need is it to describe their courses? and if it should bee needfull, hovv is it possible to doe it duely? Therefore let it suffice, that till each of the assaillants had performed his three races against the sure Defendant, the day vvas vvorne out: and then they vvent againe to the castle. There, vvhen the Princes vvere yet a feeding their stomackes vvith chosen meats; their eyes vvith prettie shevvs set vpon the boord; and their eares vvith kind conference and svveet musicke, came into the hall tvvo drummers and tvvo fluters, apparelled in satin of red and vvhite, of the Italian fashion: and such an other that vvent after them did proclaime the statuts to bee kept at the footfight: and then a Challenge of three knights of Malta, as you may see (if it pleaseth you) in the follovving chapter.

THE

THE SIXTEENTH chapter.

ENTRIE

Of three Knights of Malta

(THE ONE

BEEING MY SOVE
RAIGNE: THOTHER HIS
brother Levvis-Frederic, and the
third Craft Earle of Ho-
henloe)

Defendants at the Footfight.

PHœbus driving avvay the darke-neſſe of the night, began no ſooner to lenghten his beames; and re-joycing our hemiſphere by his nourishing ſight, to eſtabliſh the thirteenth day of the moneth, the Romans called

led by the name of the false God of those
ctions our Worthies intend to trye, but that
ole towne vvas filled vvith the sound of trum-
ts and drummes, and the tilt-garden vvith
such a crovvd, as if all the people of Germanie
did meet. As for our most excellent Ladies,
mightie Princes, and all the courtiers, they
vvent early to dinner, some of them to make
themselves the sooner ready to vvithstand the
three Defendants: and some to see the successe
of doubtfull Mars: inticed vnto it on both
sides by the divulged challenge, vvhich I doe
translate as follovveth.

DEFIE.

THE Spirits of manie thousand deceased braue knights (once of the order of Rhodis, but novv) of Malta,

conjecturing by their vvise fore
cast, & by sufficient circumstances
how the troublesome jarring o
Christian peoples among them
selves, should give occasion to th
Turkes, to assault againe Malt
the fore-fortresse of Christendome
did resolve together, to send some
of their brotherhood backe into the
vvorld, vvho proving their ever
during good affection, might
avvake the drowsie courages, and
cheere up the provvesse of gentrie
to resist by times (vniting both
their vvords and swords) the
Turkish tyrannie. The fate di
assigne this performance of counsel
vnto vs three, named Peter
D'ambusson, Philip Insul-Adam,

and

and Iohn de la Valette, once happie
chiefs of that order, and full well
acquainted with the dangerous
enterprises of the Turkes.

But even we beganne to re-
joyce againe at the brightnesse of
this sunne, when wee were
more rejoyced by the newes, wee
heard of the meeting of those
hardie Lords and Knights: and
seeing now come hether very fit-
ly, wee doe intreat all that doe love
their honour or countrie, to gird
the sword, & to keepe themselves
still ready to extoll and to pro-
mote by a zealous valor the ho-
nour and name of God, and the
shame of his foes.

But the most honourable La-

dies

dies vvee doe beseech and conjur
by the Love and Faith they doe
nourrish, and by the beautie and
grace, they doe flourish by, t
graunt leave to all their Cava-
leeres, and either cõmanding thos
that are willing, or spurring thos
that are slovv, to move them al
by their easely-persuading skill, t
hazard not onely their bloud fo
the freedome of Christendome, bu
also t'appeare to morrovv (beein
the thirteenth day of Mars,
vvithin the lists of the Tilt-gar-
den, to prove there before the world
their courage and force.

For there vvee doe intend,
fighting a foot vvith pikes and
svvords to maintaine against al
adventurers, 1. That

1. That the commendable exercise of armes (vsed against infidelles) may acquire the grace of God, and the greatest praise of men.

2. That hee that would not gladly shed his bloud for the defence of his countrie, bee not worthie of the least honour, love or favour of a Ladie.

3. A Knight that by some certaine reasons is not capable to bee tyed by the still-lasting knot of matrimonie, can nevertheless deserve by his expedient service the sweet favour of his Ladie, and withall receive all worldlie happinesse:

4. The best remedie for all melancholicke humours, and to releeue baseminded fellovvs, commeth onely from the vvonderfull skill of vvomankind, so that vvhosoeuer can not bee brought to Vertue by the svveet-piercing lookes of a Ladie, is bereaved either of his feeling, or of his vvit.

THe Ladies and Iudges having taken their places, vvere presently saluted by the thundering ordnance, and by the sound of trumpets, drummes & flutes, and advertised of the arrivall of the stout Defendants.

Then came in the lists a most statelie Galley, very skillfully framed, even as the galleys that are vsed to vvarre against the Turkes. The bulke, and the vvhole vvorke vvas painted and guilded over, likevvise the mast, the sayles and the cordes of silke, the oares red, the chiefensigne red vvith a vvhite crosse, vvhere St. Iohn Baptist vvas painted in: th'others vvere of diverse colours. Vpon the orelop stood the three most valiant Defendants, apparelled in red and vvhite, the shape vvas Italian; their hats gray,

adorned vvith jevvells and great plumes of red and vvhite: they vvere armed vvith glittering cuirats, covered vvith caſſockes of red velvet, vvith a vvhite croſſe: their baſes of carnation ſatin embrodered vvith ſilver: their breeches of crimſon velvet laced over vvith ſilver: their garters of carnation and ſilver: their ſilkie ſtockings vvhite, and their shoes red. Their helmets did lye before their feet, and vvere richly vvrought vvith gold and ſilver, and ovvershadovved by great bunches of red and vvhite feathers. Not farre from them did appeare their three marshalls of the field, or (as they are called) ſticklers, arrayed very gallantly after th'Italian manner, of both colours of their Lord-Knights. At th'other end of the galley vvere foure trumpetters, three drummers, three fluters, and a litle boy playing on a tabor, all attired in the foreſayd liverie. As for the patron and th'other shipmen they vvere likevviſe dreſſed in both colours, but the ſixtenne slaves, (beeing eight on each ſide) that did rovv, vvere clad in red: and this galley vvas provided of five peeces of great ordnance, and of all ſorts of neceſſarie things, and thus shee came into the liſts floating vpō an artificiall vvatter, and after shee had caſt tvvice about, they landed, and leaping over boord vvent into a tent, and vvaited there for their contrairie parties.

THE SEVENTEENTH chapter.

ENTRIE OF THE AVNCIENT GERMAN WARRIERS, brought in by the Elector Palatine, named Harminius.

FAME (that goddesse, vvhose infinite eyes, eares and tongues are still busied) did soone fill the vvorld vvith the report of the enterprise of those three Maltesian Knights. The German Worthies, that doe enjoye all joy vvithin the Elysian fields, hearing of these nevves, doe like this meeting of their successours very vvell, but they doe dislike vtterly the arrogancie of those three strangers, that dare to divulge such a challenge in such a countrie.

The most famous Harminius, rehearsing

ing before his friends Mannus and Wittekind the deeds of his prowesse, whereby hee oftimes had wholly overthrowne the Romanes, is possessed with anger and desire, to visit with a companie of his friends this countrie againe, and to bring both a fruitfull instruction for their heires: and to those Defendants a harmefull acknowledgement of their rash boldnesse.

So what they resolved, they presently performed. For what is able to resist VERTUE? There they came to the tilt-garden, and having leave to goe in, their order was such:

Formost went two drummers and two pipers arrayed with dublets of satin, breeches of velvet, with puffes, of purple colour, and laced with silver, their feathers were of white and purple, and they played the auncient Germane stroake.

Next after them did goe three sticklers, their apparells of that same shape and colour, were very statelie.

HARMINIUS, the praise of Germanie went after them allone. His wise head was covered with a helmet, whose brightnesse was overclowded by a bunch of feathers of white and purple colour: his bodie armed with a cuirats, that (beeing as the whole armour, all of silver) was so artificially wrought, that it was to bee doubted if the workemans

skill, or the vvork's richesse vvas greater. His bases and puffed breeches; and long stockings embrodered all over vvith silver, vvere purple coloured. That svvord, vvherevvith hee had the Quintilian companies dispatched and sent to Pluto, did glister at his side in a scabbard enrichid vvith precious stones: and his nevervvearied fist did hold his long pike, vvhose sharpenesse had beene distastfully tasted by manie a gallant Romane.

His squire vvent after him arrayed likevvise bravely in both colours.

And then came eighteene auncient noble Germans, that vvith their generall had forsaken their rest to revievv their (yet deare) countrie. They vvent three after three, apparelled all alike, in vvhite armours, breeches vvith puffes, bases of satin, silkie stockings and scarfs, all of purple colour and embrodered vvith silver: bearing svvords and pikes of that colour, and vvhite shoes, most gallant and delightfull to the beholders.

Their minds vvee may perceive of their defie, thus interpreted.

DEFIE.

DEFIE.

THE AVNCIENT MARTIAL GERMANS, VNTO THEIR SVCCESSOVRS, the Lords and Knights of Germanie.

LOVing children, bretheren, friends & heirs: What's the reason, that, at your valorous exercises, at your triumphant entries, and brave shews, you must allwayes borrow your inventions of the old Romanes, Grecians, or

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even of your great foes the Turkes, or of other Poeticall fictions, and of very idle tales? Why doe you thinke your selves so poore in the plentie of examples, your forefathers left for you of their worthines and gallantnesse, which are not onely fit to bee imitated, but also to incite your children to ensue in this same race of vertue and valor.

Now to the end you might bee taught the better, how to behaue you in those matters furthermore, Wee having forsaken our sepulchres come to shew our martiall skill and prowesse before the eyes of this most magnificent companie, at the combat you doe vse a foot within the lists, where wee desire,

to the honour of our Nation to prove and to defend these articles as follow.

1. That, though great deeds and adventures of straungers doe serve much to awaken the spirits, and to stirre vp the courages: notwithstanding the examples of your auncestors are more profitable and more convenient, to inkindle your harts with the love of Vertuous enterprises.

2. That in setting forth your triumphs, and martiall sports, you should rather vse true stories (where you have a great number of) then false and foolish lyes of Mars,

3. That like as the safetie of the Romanes did consist vpon the defence of their auncient commendable lavvs and customes: even so shall wee ground our securitie vpon the protection of our old and good constitutions, and never subject our selves vnto any fashion or tyrannie of strangers.

4. And lastly, vvhatsoever some will pretend to prove, vvee all bee not Germanes: nevertheless wee doe protest by the assurance of truth it selfe, that vvee are good and loyall Germans, issued from the bloud of the very auncient and noble German Nation.

HARMINIVS.

THE

THE EIGHTEENTH chapter.

ENTRIE OF THE FRENCH KNIGHTS, BROVGHT IN by the Prince Frederic Marquis of Baden.

THE brave companie of German Worthies, having turned twvice about, and pleased all the spectatours, but chiefly the Ladies, by their gentle manners and curtesies, vvent into an other tent, that vvas pitched directly over against that of the Defendants: When a nevv-comming sound of drummes strake the eares, and denounced the arrivall of French Knights, desirous to trye their fortune against the knights of Malta. The truce lately made in France gave so much libertie vnto them, as to come to see those shevvs, and to prove their valiantnesse (that hateth

[illegible]eth all idleneſſe) in jeaſt, being hindered to doe it in good earneſt.

They vvere admitted, and appeared in this order.

Firſt vvent three ſticklers, having gray hats vvith vvhite and carnation feathers, vvhite dublets of cloth of ſilver, round breeches of carnation ſatin, and long vvhite ſilkie ſtockings, vvhite ſhoes, carnation ſcarfes, and long ſtickes in their hands of both colours.

They vvere followed by tvvo fluters and tvvo drummers, pleaſantly attired in that ſame liverie of carnation and vvhite.

Then came the brave Marquis (called the FAITHFULL KNIGHT) allone. He vvas in a vvhite armour: his gray hat, vvhere many jevvells did ſhine vpon, vvas darkened by great feathers of carnation and vvhite: his baſes and round breeches of carnation ſatin, layd over vvith ſilver laces; his long ſtockings and ſhoes vvhite: his ſide provided of a ſilvered ſvvord in a ſcabbard of carnation velvet: and his hand of a partiſan of ſilver and carnation.

His ſquire vvent next after him, attired in both colours, and carrying a long pike, and the helmet of his lord, vvhere a great bunch of vvhite and carnation feathers vvas ſet vpon.

Next came tvvelve French Knights, in vvhite armours, vvith feathers, ſcarfes and apparells

arells even like their Captaine adorned most gallantly.

They contented all eyes by their brave behaviour, and saluted the Lord Iudges and Defendants vvith a challenge I thus doe translate.

DEFIE.

THE FRENCH KNIGHTS TO THIS MOST HONOVRABLE ASSEMBLIE.

THE joy vvee received of the joy of so manie Princes of the blessed Union, did move vs to take a journey hether: and there being so kindly allowed of the participation

of their paſtimes, wee did reſolve to goe againſt theſe Defying Malteſian Knights, and to prove, for the honour of this Union, and of thoſe moſt beautifull and gracefull Ladies, by the vnreprovable blowes of our pikes and ſwords

1. That a Knight, to get the greateſt glorie, ſhall imploy his ſervice for the Union.

2. For the honour and defence of Ladies.

3. And laſtly for his friends.

THE NINETEENTH chapter.

ENTRIE OF THE AMAZONS, CONDVCTED BY PRINCE Magnus Duke of Wirtemberg, then named Myrina Queene of the Amazons.

THE French Knights had no sooner ranged themselves to the auncient Germans, but that they savv come in the lists

Tvvo drummers and tvvo uters, armed after the auncient Romane fashion: their bases vvere of yellovv satin, vvith ed laces, having red and yellovv feathers vpon heir helmets.

Three sticklers vvent after, apparelled ery richly, the shape vvas Romane, their bases vere red embrodered vvith gold, their arhours and helmets guilded, vvith great unches of red and yellovv feathers.

Then appeared the famous Queene M
rina. Her head vvas covered vvith a helme
vvhoſe glittering shevv vvould have dazle
the ſight, but that it vvas shadovved over b
high-vvagging feathers of red and yellovv
the curled lockes of her faire haire vvould no
lye hidden, but gave leave to the blithe vvin
to play vvithall, and make them flye about he
shoulders: Vpon her bodie shee vvare a vvhi
gliſtering armour, vvith baſes of red and ye
lovv, framed like flames: the neather part o
her garment vvas of yellovv ſatin, layd vvit
red: On her left arme she bare a shield forme
like the head of Meduſa: on the ſame ſid
vvas her ſvvord, & in her right hand a javelin

She vvas followed by one and tvventi
Amazons, going three after three: they vve
all moſt pleaſantly arrayed in the colours an
shape of their Queene, in vvhite armours, fe
thers, shields, javelins, baſes, and petticoats
red and yellovv, and vvith vvhite buskins.

As ſoone as they had performed the
shevv and prettie honour to the Ladies, the
placed themſelves neare the French Knights
againſt the three Defendants, and publishe
this defie.

CHAL

CHALLENGE.

MYRINA

QVEENE OF LIBYA, DEFENDOVR OF THE AMAZONIAN REALME.

With her invincible companie of Amazons, to this most excellent assemblie.

IT is very true, the Ladies and Knights in Germanie are most worthie both to bee beloved and praised. Wee doe not denie what all eyes doe see, and all tongues doe confesse. Even this is the reason, why wee have forsaken

our countrie, takin vvith vs bu
three out of the innumerable
Knights (vvhose servitude ou
pittie did lengthen by the short
ning of their libertie) to conduct v
hether, to the end vvee could
these countries increase our r
nowme by the decreasing of the
glorie of these German Knight
But by the small number, W
did (as yet) meet, vvee got adm
ration, and by admiration knou
ledge, how the most part of Dem
gods and Worthies were assembl
at this court, intending to shev
their courage and provvesse befo
the sight of their Goddesses an
Nymphs.

Those nevvs, agreeing vvit

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the very vvish of our harts, caused vs to vse such speed, that now vvee are heere, in good hope, the naturall courtesie and gallantnesse of those brave knights vvill not onely graunt vnto vs the entrie of their field, but also like vveapons, if they doe vse others then vvee have: vvhich beeing mooved by our dexteritie, shall surely ingrave into their memorie

1. That they are neither able to laude vvomankind (and especially the present Goddesses) sufficiently vvith vvords, nor

2. To honour our sexe enough vvith their deeds and service.

Thus

They could all easely bee constrained by our beautie to adore vs, but vve have hidden it vnder our armours.

For thus their Ladies shall have no occasion of jealousie, and they themselves no excuse, but must needs advouch openly, their losse and our acquisition of this victorie come onely from the might of our hands.

MYRINA.

THE TVVENTIETH chapter.

ENTRIE OF THE YONG GERMAN GENTRIE, BROVGHT IN by Prince Frederic-Achilles Duke of Wirtemberg.

THE auncient German Warriers (vvee have heared of) vvere the first assaillants, that came to resist the boldnesse of the three Knights of Malta: novv there come some yong noble Germans, that hope to finish the quarell by their stout attempt.

The Charitinian Achilles (vvhose soule is indued vvith more vertues, then that Grecian Achilles, that tvvo dayes agoe vvas in the lists; and vvhose head and tongue are stored vvith more vvit and eloquence, then Vlisses had) brought in those yong gentlemen, that

(beeing yet of the Colledge) are vvont to imbellish as vvell their minds vvith learned vvritings, as their bodies vvith the exercise of chivalrie.

Their entrie vvas thus performed.

Formost vvent tvvo drummers and fluters, attired in dublets of blevv tuffe-taffata, in breeches vvith puffes of red and blevv, blevv stockings and vvhite shoes, vvith red & blevv feathers vpon gray hats.

Next came three sticklers very gallantly arrayed in blevv and red satin.

Then vvent the Prince allone. His head vvas covered vvith a gray hat, and his hat vvith a plume of red and blevv, adorned vvith jevvells: his bodie vvith a vvhite amour, enamelled vvith blevv: his bases vvere blevv embrodered vvith red: his breeches of red satin vvith blevv puffes: his stockings blevv, his garters red, and his shoes vvhite. He had in his hand a partisan of both colours, and a glittering svvord at his side.

A page did vvaite on him, dressed in thesame liveries, hee carried his lords helmet, garnished vvith a great bunch of red and blevv feathers, and in his hand a long pike.

Next after vvent tvvelve yong gentlemen, three after three. They vvere most gallantly clothed in both colours, vvith armours, feathers, scarfes and svvords even as their Captaine.

After

After they had vvalked about the turne of the field, they tooke place neare the Amazons, against the Knights of Malta, sending vnto them, in stead of their challenge, some verses in German, I doe english thus.

DEFIE OF THE YONG GERMAN GENTRIE.

We doe not come falsly our selv's to praise,
And our owne nam's by borrowed fame to raise:
We doe not come either from Vtopie,
From Limbo-lake, from hell or from the skie.
For (sure) vve are neither satyrs, nor spirits.
Nor Demy-gods, nor angells by our merits.
Germans vve are by birth, bloud, hart and hand,

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For the defence of Germanie vve ſtand.
VVhat need is it to counterfeit our name?
Can Germanie to Germans bee a ſhame?
No. the vvhole vvorld (vve truſt) can
doubt no vvhit,
But there bee men for vvarre and peace
moſt fit.
And as for vs, though great bee not our ſkill
To fight, ſo yong, yet is not ſmall our vvill.
For here vve are reſolute to reſiſt
Thoſe boaſting knights, vvith German hart
and fiſt:
Hoping vvithall, our firſt German-like
blovv's
Shall vvith great ſound publiſh their vn-
done ſhevvs:
And our firſt proofe, by their laſt exploit
knovvne
Dark'ning their fame ſhall lighten our re-
novvne,
So that the vvorld ſhall have henceforth
delight,
To talke & ſing of their loſſe and our might.

And theſe vvere all the aſſaillants, mounting even to three ſkore and ſeven knights, that appeared in the liſts, and did fight againſt the three Defendants.

THE

THE ONE AND TVVENTIETH chapter.

OF THE FOOT-fight generally.

OVR princes could not bee contented to have shevved their gallantneſſe and comelineſſe on horſebacke: Novv they are armed, & readie againe vvithin the liſts, to doe as much a foot. The eyes of the greateſt and faireſt Goddeſſes of Germanie are preſent, not onely to bee vvitneſſe of their deeds, but alſo to inlighten their hearts by their ſvveet ſight, vvhereof one looke allone is able to make their force vnvveariable.

The ſound of the blovv-threatning trumpets, confounded vvith the terrible thundering of the canons, and vvith the rumbling of the imboldning drummes, did no ſooner ſummon the tvvo contrarie parties to the incounter, but that the ſtout-hearted Harminius on the one ſide, and the magnanimous Dambuſſon on th'other ſide, comming out of their tents, having cloſed their viſers, and made courteſies to the Ladies, ſeiſed their long pikes, brandishing them vvith their forcible armes, and approaching againſt one an other vvith threat-

threatning manners, ſuddenly vvith a like certaintie and nimbleneſſe broke them each on th'others head, ſo that the ſpinters flevv aloft. Quickly each of them tooke an other pike, and after this alſo the third, vvhich by ſure and ſtrong pushing vvere likevviſe bravely burſted in peeces. Then either ſide having caſt avvay the toncheons of their pikes, and dravvne their ſvvords, they vvent together vvith gallant braverie, and ſaluted their heads vvith ſo ſound blovves, that the peeces of their ſvvords flevv vp to heaven vvard: but taking other ſvvords, they redoubled both vvith skill and force their mightie blovves, as if they vvould have cleaved their heads, vntill the ſticklers authoritie perſuaded them to finish their hateleſſe combat, and brought them (both by their ſtrength and courteouſneſſe victorious and vainquished) againe to their tents.

After them vvent the valiant Mannus againſt the ſtout Inſuladam: and after their fight, came forth the renovvmed Wittekind, and againſt him the mightie De la Valette: & then tryed their adventures th'other auncient Germans: after them the faithfull Knight and his companie: then the famous Queene and her Amazons; and laſtly our Achilles and his yong gentrie, fighting ſtill one of the aſſaillants againſt one of the three defendants.

But it goeth beyond my capacitie, to de-

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ſcribe heare particularly the combats of theſe Worthies, and I muſt acknovvledge my vveakneſſe, confeſſing to bee not able to tell vvhat mine eyes did ſee. Therefore (imitating that painter, vvho pourtraying a great King, could not ſet out in colours his griefe, covered his face vvith a cloke) I muſt ſuppreſſe the defect of my pen by my ſilence.

Novv before every adventurer had performed the ſingle combat againſt a Defendant, the ſonne finiſhing her appointed ordinarie courſe, gave place to the ſtarres too, to get the ſight of theſe exerciſes.

After the ſingle fight, all the Knights vvere parted in tvvo equall companies, that vvent againſt one an other. There vvas a brave and terrible meeting on both ſides, and ſuch a noyſe of the crushing of pikes, clattering of blovvves, clashing of amours, and battering of ſvvords, that the thundering and reſounding of the ordnance, drummes, and trumpets could ſcarce bee heard. This combat laſted vvith ſuch fierceneſſe and ſo long, that I doe thinke, the one-eyed cruell ſmithes of Ætna vvould have beene tyred to hammer but halfe ſo much. They ſtrake on either ſide peece meale, then vvith the right, then vvith the left hand, ſhevving their courages vvith ſo brave geſture, as if their ſoules muſt firſt abandon their bodies, before their bodies vvould

forſake

hovv this ſtrife vvould have beene ended, had not the Gods (grovving, poſſible, feareſull at this coile, and doubtfull of their ovvne ſecuritie) ſent the angrie limping Vulcan inviſibly into the rayles, vvho ſubtilly and ſuddenly vvith a horribly cracking fire, and clapping thunder did burſt them into thouſand peeces, and driving the parties a ſunder, did finish this adventure.

Thus all the Worthies, according to theheavens commaund, turned in good order in to the caſtle, and there, beeing vnarmed, they vvent vvith their harts-conquering Nymphs to ſupper, and reſtored themſelves vvith all kind of kindneſſe and daintineſſe.

THE

THE TVVO AND TVVENTIETH chapter.

VVHAT VVAS DONE THE NEXT DAY FOLLOWING.

THE next day (that vvas thurſday, and the foureteenth of Mars) the Princeſſe Electrice her highneſſe, and all th'other Princes, Lords and Ladies vvent after dinner againe into the tilt-garden, there to entertaine their too-vvorthie ſight vvith an other turney, or rather a darke ſhadovv of a turney, repreſented by tub-headed adventurers. T'is a ſport, I never ſavv but in Germanie, and therefore doe I not knovv, hovv to tearme it. But to ſet it dovvne the beſt I can, me thinks that even as one may ſee the vnſpotted ſonne shine in a filthie puddle, or vpon a dunghill, ſo doeth appeare ſome reflection of the vvorthineſſe of luſterous chivalrie on thoſe counterfeit riders. For they are commonly horſekeepers and

groomes of the ſtables, that beeing armed, as I vvill tell you, hazard themſelves to get ſome manie falls vvithout money, or ſome money not vvithout falls.

They cover their heads, in ſtead of helmets, vvith tubs, that bee painted over vvith ouglie faces, as of Lyons and other ſuch beaſts. Such a tub is very heavie, ſo that a man, beeing thus armed, and on horſebacke, is eaſely overvveighed by it, and conſtrained to fall dovvne, if hee holdeth not his head very vpright. As for their bodies and armes, they are covered vvith a kind of hudge bigge ſacks, bumbaſted vvith hay; and in ſumme, they are ſo bluntly garnished (ſaving their leggs that bee onely booted) that beeing fallen from their horſes, they allone can ſeldome get vp from the ground, and never get on horſe-backe vvithout helpe. But for their horſes, they vſe moſt ordinarily very jades, or little naggs, furnished onely vvith a bridle and a very small ſaddle, vvithout a crupper peece, that ſerveth for nothing but for the ſtirrups: for they are layd vpon the horſe vvithout girths, that the moſt part of thoſe earthlie riders doe carrie their ſaddles vvith them a digging.

Tvvo companies of ſuch Dametas-like gentlemen came in the liſts. The one did beare the badge of yellovv ſcarfes, th'other vvas knovvne by red ones; both ſides adorned as I

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have allready told, the colour of their apparells beeing just like as the chimney-swveepers are wont to vveare in all the vvorld, vvhen they are most busie. Their behaviours, becomming vvell their proportion, could affright any child, and make every old-vvoman-like bodie, that feareth to goe in darkenesse, beleeve, that they vvere the true patterns of very bug-beares. Some of them to may bee discerned by their pigs-neyed swveet-harts, vvere trimmed vvith flovvrs and fox-tailes, and mufled vp like Mopsa vvas, vvhen shee vvished to have Dorus a king. As for their vveapons, they vvere Braggadocchio-like contented to have staffes, vvithout svvords.

The sound of the trumpets could scarce vvarne them, and their horses beganne scarce to start out, before they tumbled a ground. Some in their careere vvere tossed vvith their saddle to the mane, and againe from the mane to the crupper before they lay on the earth: others in lieu to hit their adversaries vvith the staffes, did hit them vvith the head, comming vvith it before their launces, as if they vvould runne before their horses: some vvent over, flying like shittlecockes, that have but tvvo feathers: and others, that had more skill in horse-manship, hitting their ennemies did push themselves dovvne: so that there vvas nothing seene but tumbling dovvne, & getting vp to tumble againe dovvne.

This hayle of tumblers beeing past, the Princes and Ladies spent the rest of that day in vievving the garden, grots, and other places of pleasure. But after supper they vvent to daunce, vvhere the lord Iudges caused the Ladies to deliver the prices to these Knights, vvhose dexteritie had beene seconded by Fortune and Vertue at the running at the ring, and at the footfight.

True it is, that Vertue (not subject at all to Fortune) is the best price of it selfe: and our vertuous knights (loving vvell doing, as vvell as Pyrocles, fort it selfe, and not for thankes) doe get great prices enough, by the praise of their immortall names: but followving the custome of our vvise aunce stors, there vvere againe published, at this time by the giving of prices, principally the merits of the Prince Elector Palatine; of my Soveraigne, and then of manie more, that vvould bee here too tedious to speake of.

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THE LAST CHAPTER.

OF THE HUNTING and fire-vvorke.

THE fryday vvas ſpent onely in gentle and courteous converſation, & in vievving my Princes his cloſet, and the like particularities.

But ſaturday (beeing the ſix teenth day of Mars) Myladie Eliſabeth her highneſſe, and all the Princes and Ladies vvent on horſebacke a hunting and a havvking, vvhere they paſſed ſome vvhile vvith prettie ſport. For it vvas thus vvell fore-ordained, that as ſoone as they came in the field, it beganne: and vvere caught vvithin a fevv houres, three herons, five vvolfes, tvventie hares, and ſome foxes.

To tell here the gifts, theſe Princes did beſtovv at that time one on th'other, is needleſſe.

Liberallitie is the ſole vertue, that belongeth properly to Princes: and even as the

ſonne by her nourishing beames can fill the earth vvith flovvrs and fruits: ſo are great lords able to increaſe the joy of men by the ſvveetneſſe of their bountifull largeſſe.

My Prince gave ſome tokens of the great affection, he beareth to ſtrangers, to the English nobilitie.

Likevviſe cauſed the Princeſſe Electrice and the Prince Elector Palatine, to bee done by the valorous and noble Sir Meinhard of Shomburg (vvhoſe merits can never bee matched by his Fortune) to the gentlemen attendants, and to the officers at my Princes his court. And generally all th'other Princes have gotten of all vertuous minds as much love for their bountie, as praiſe for their other vertues.

Sunday after dinner, there came ſome fencers in the court, that before the Princes did fence in all kinds of vveapons, as they are vvont here to doe, to get ſome monie or ſome blovvs, and to increaſe their purſe, or to diminish their bloud. But after ſupper there vvas played a prettie firevvorke in the tilt-garden. It vvas a great ship, very artificially framed, painted over, and furnished vvith ſayles, flying colours, and all things that doe belong vnto. It vvas beaten vvith furiously thundering canon-shots, that came from a hill vvithout the tovvne, and it did reſiſt shooting likevviſe terribly, and caſting fire out of all ſides moſt bravely.

vely, vntill at the laſt it vvas overcome, and buried vvith ashes.

Monday (that vvas the nineteenth of Mars) the Princeſſe and Prince Elector Palatines, and all th'other Princes departed againe from Stutgart. My Prince vvith his brethren beeing gone vvith them out a little vvay, tooke his leave of them and came backe: but ſoone after, at evening (taking poſt) he vvent againe after, and overtooke them at vnavvares in a ſmall tovvne, called Vayhing, vvhere they paſſed allmoſt the night in dauncing and all pleaſantneſſe, and the morrovv, after the breakefaſt and ſome short daunces, they did bid one another farevvell.

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